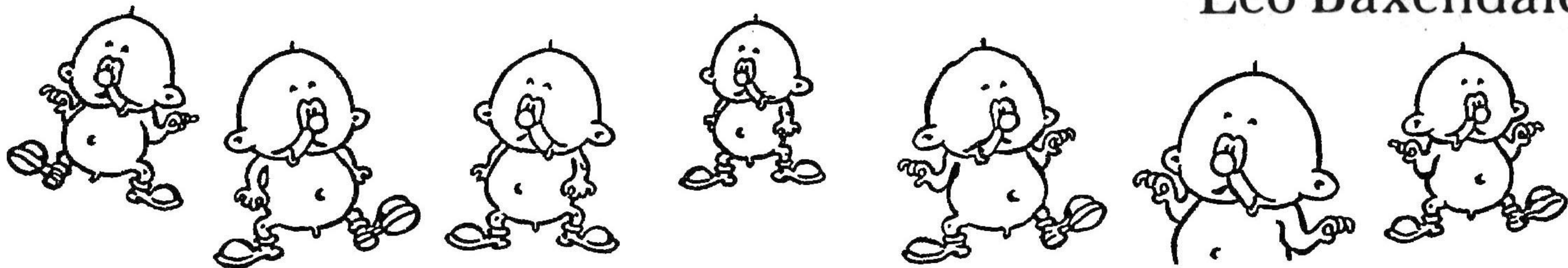


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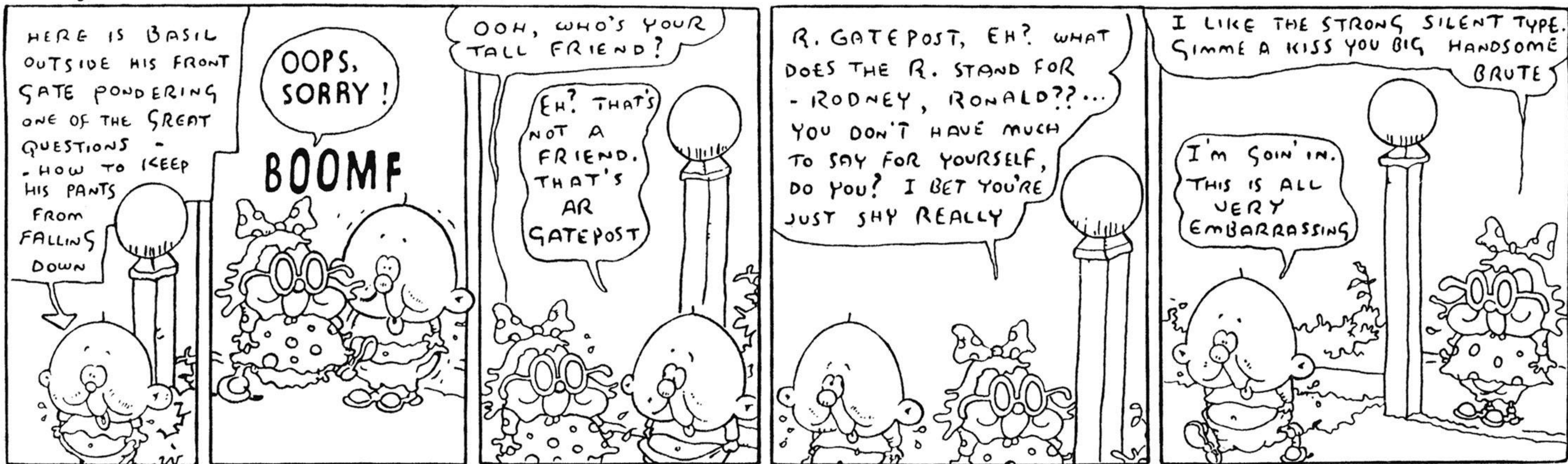
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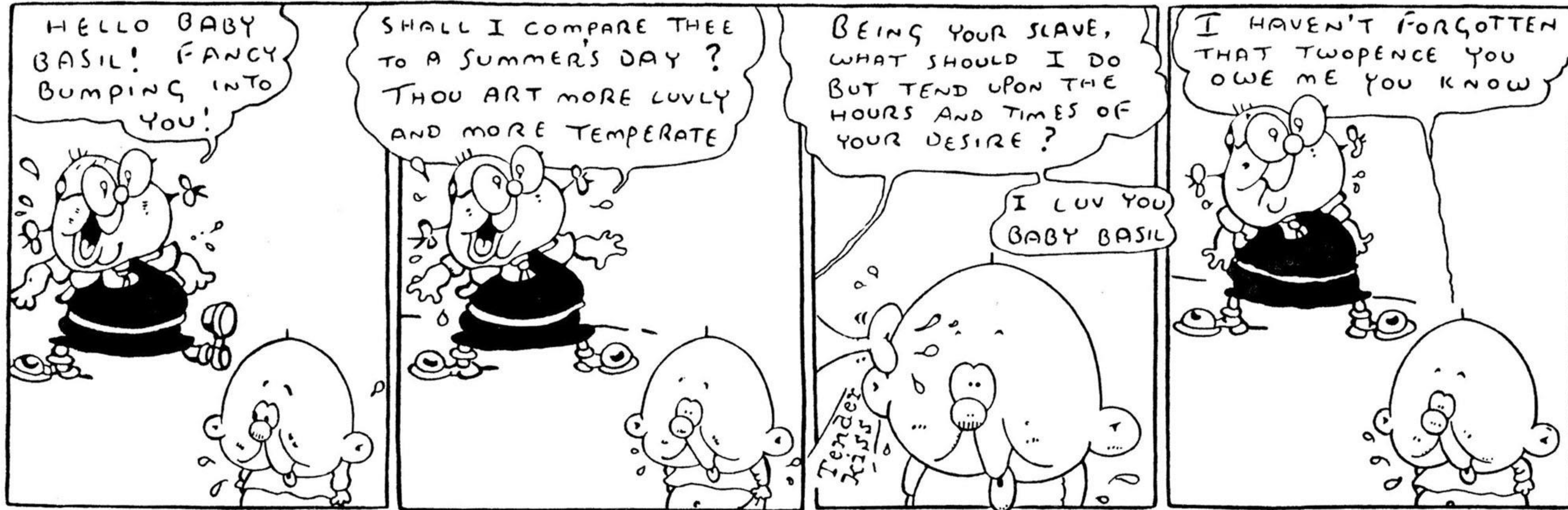
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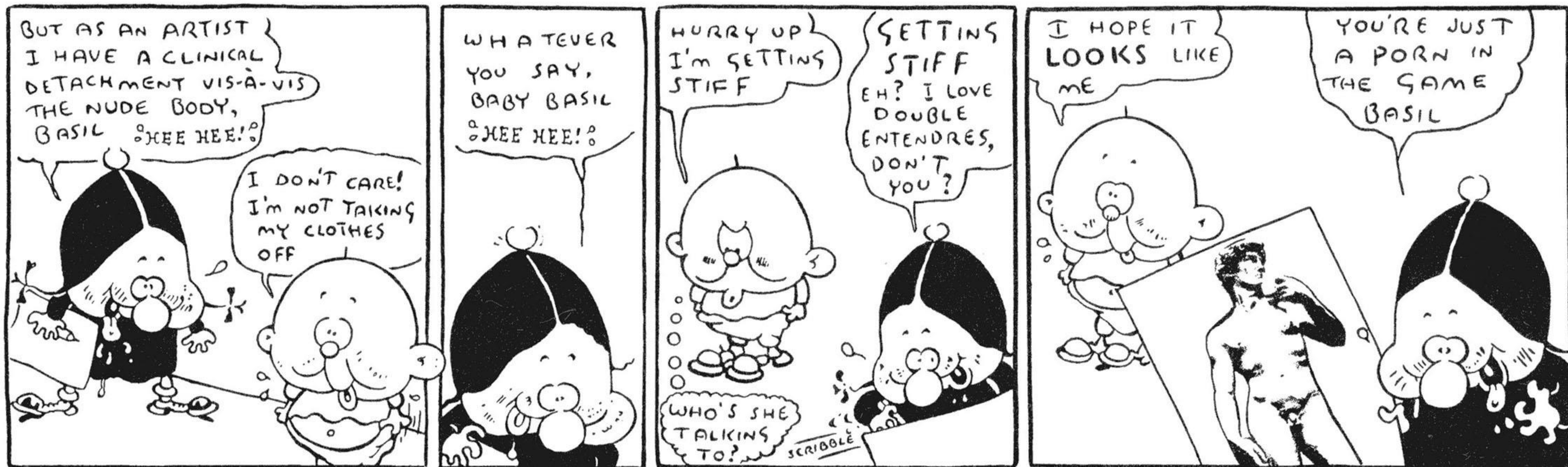
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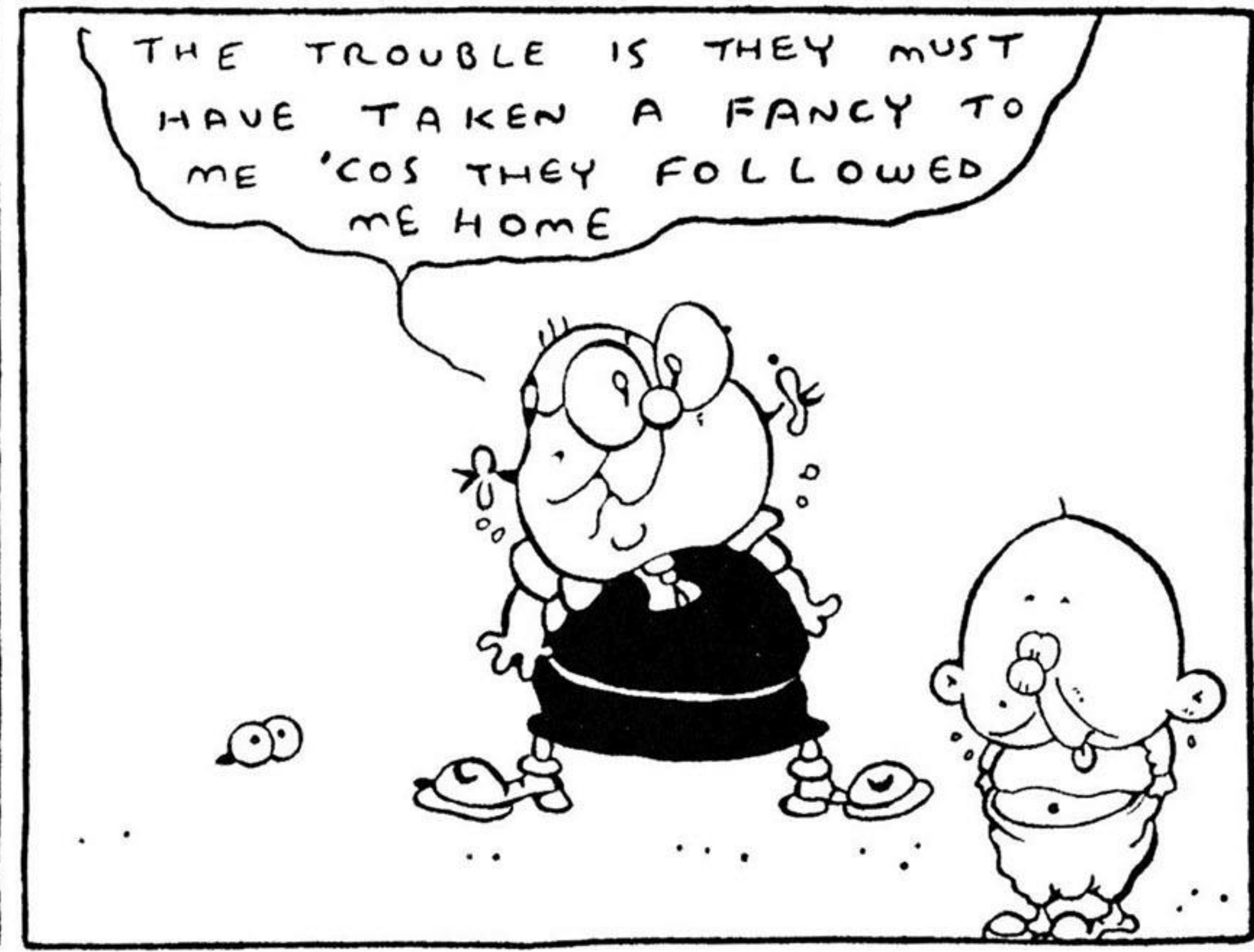
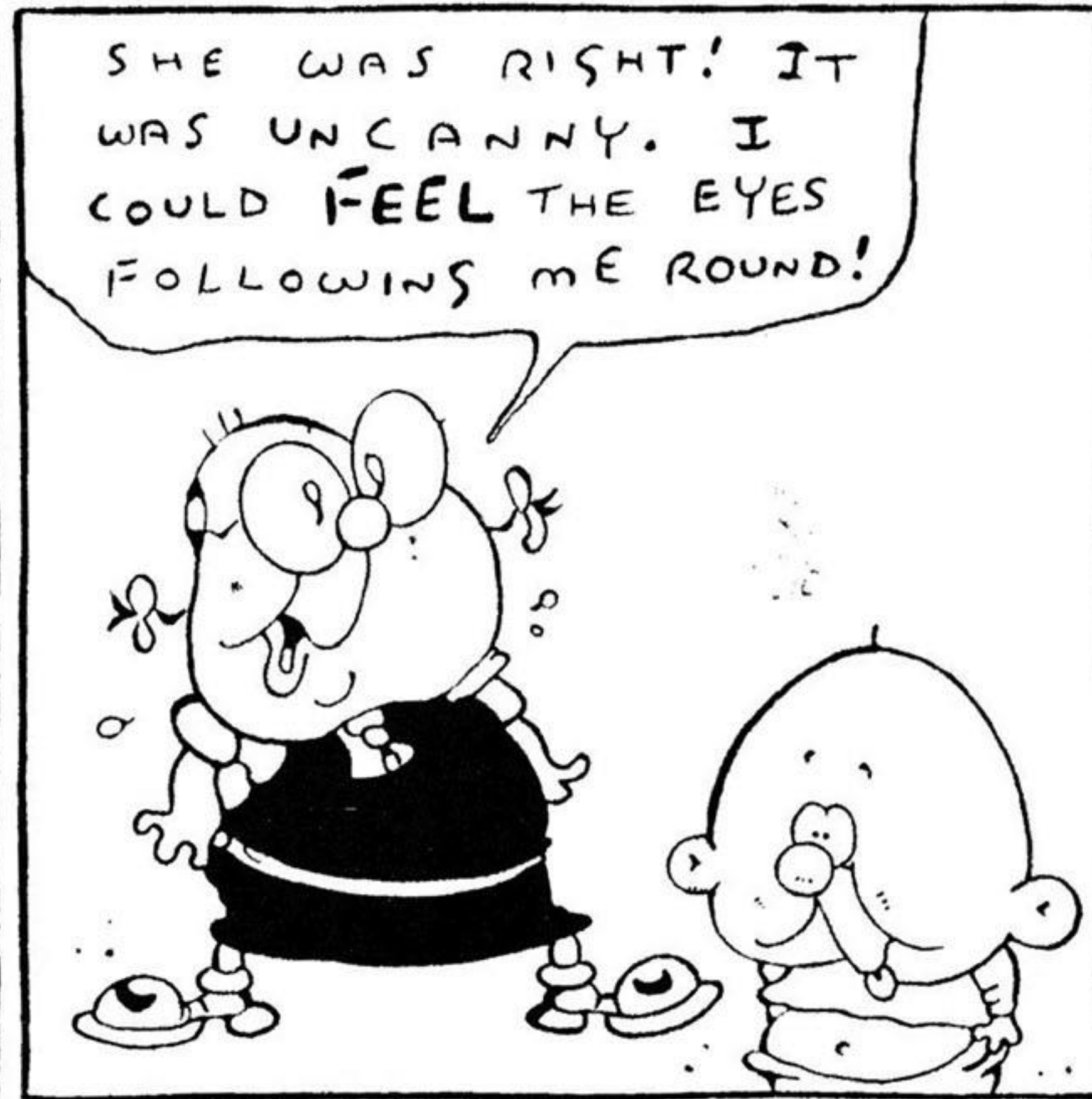
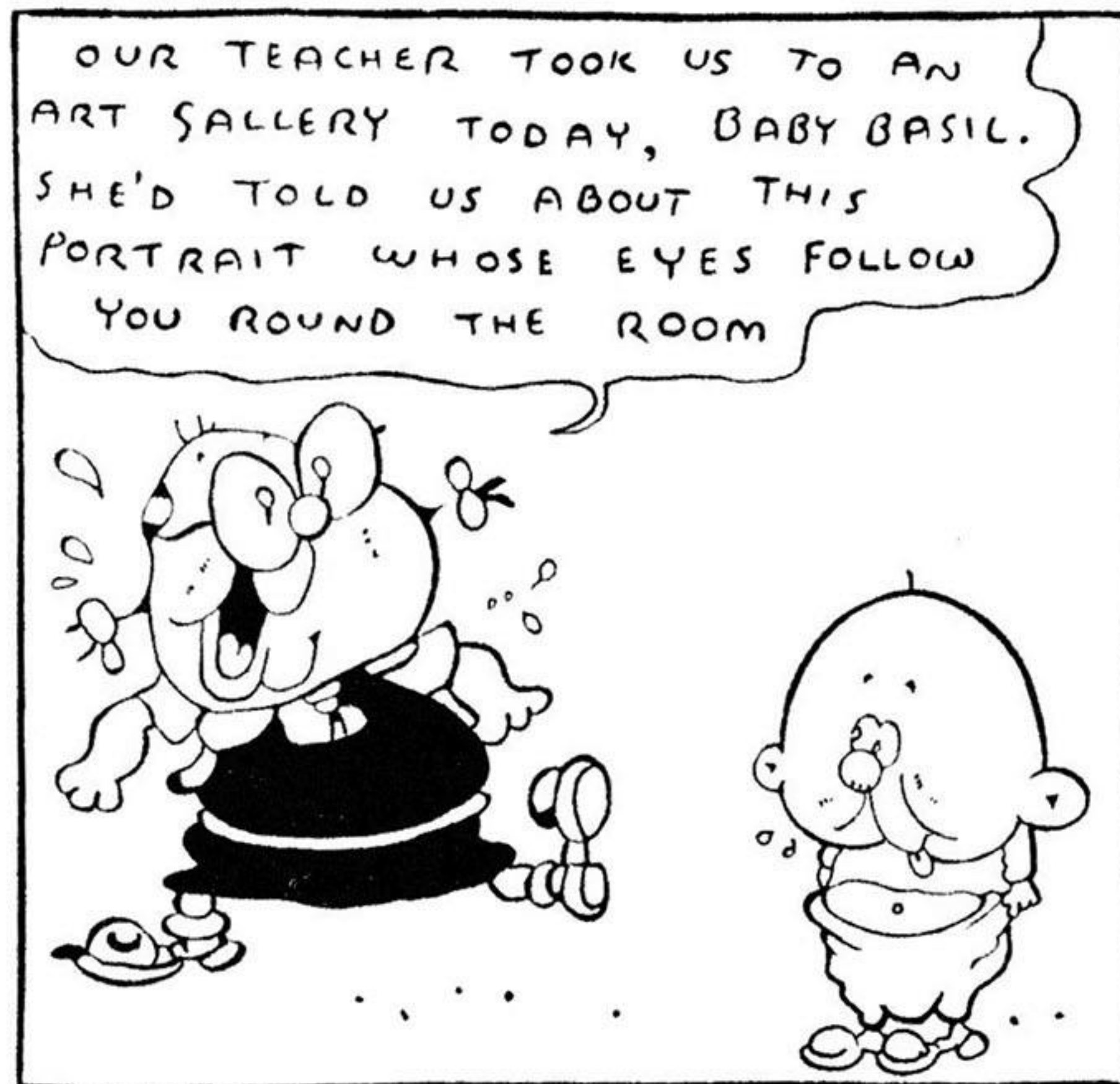
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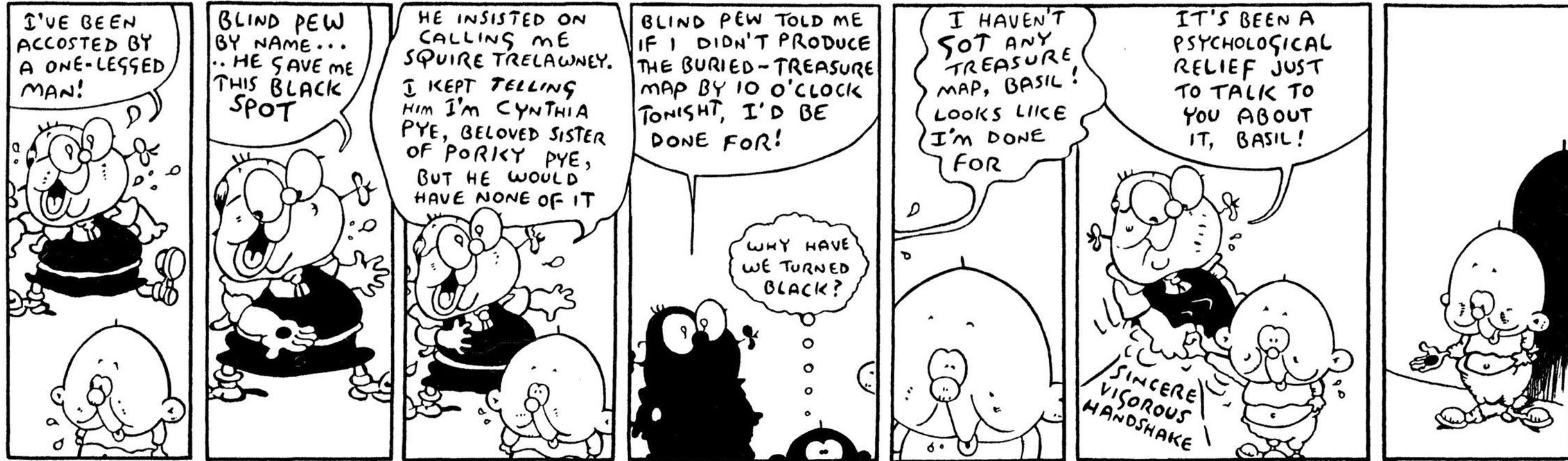
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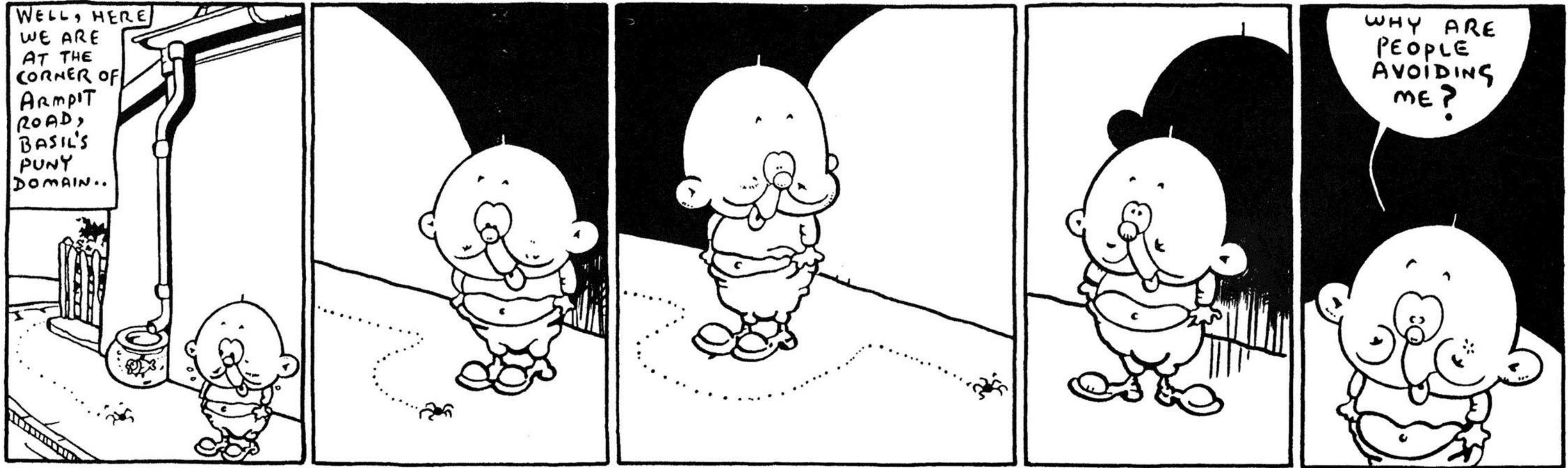
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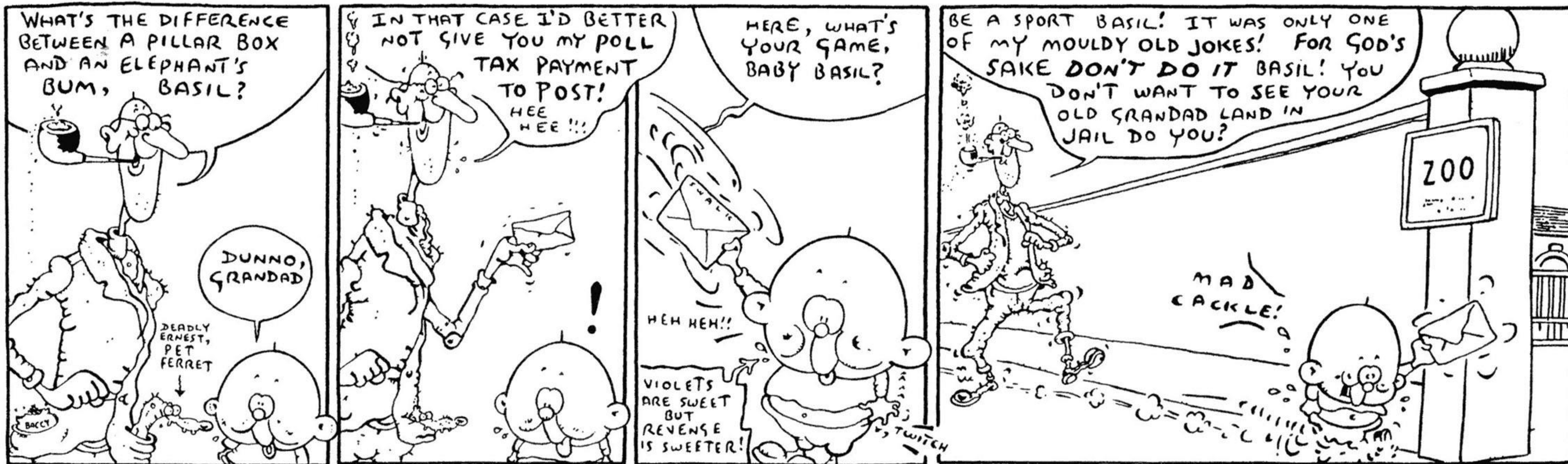
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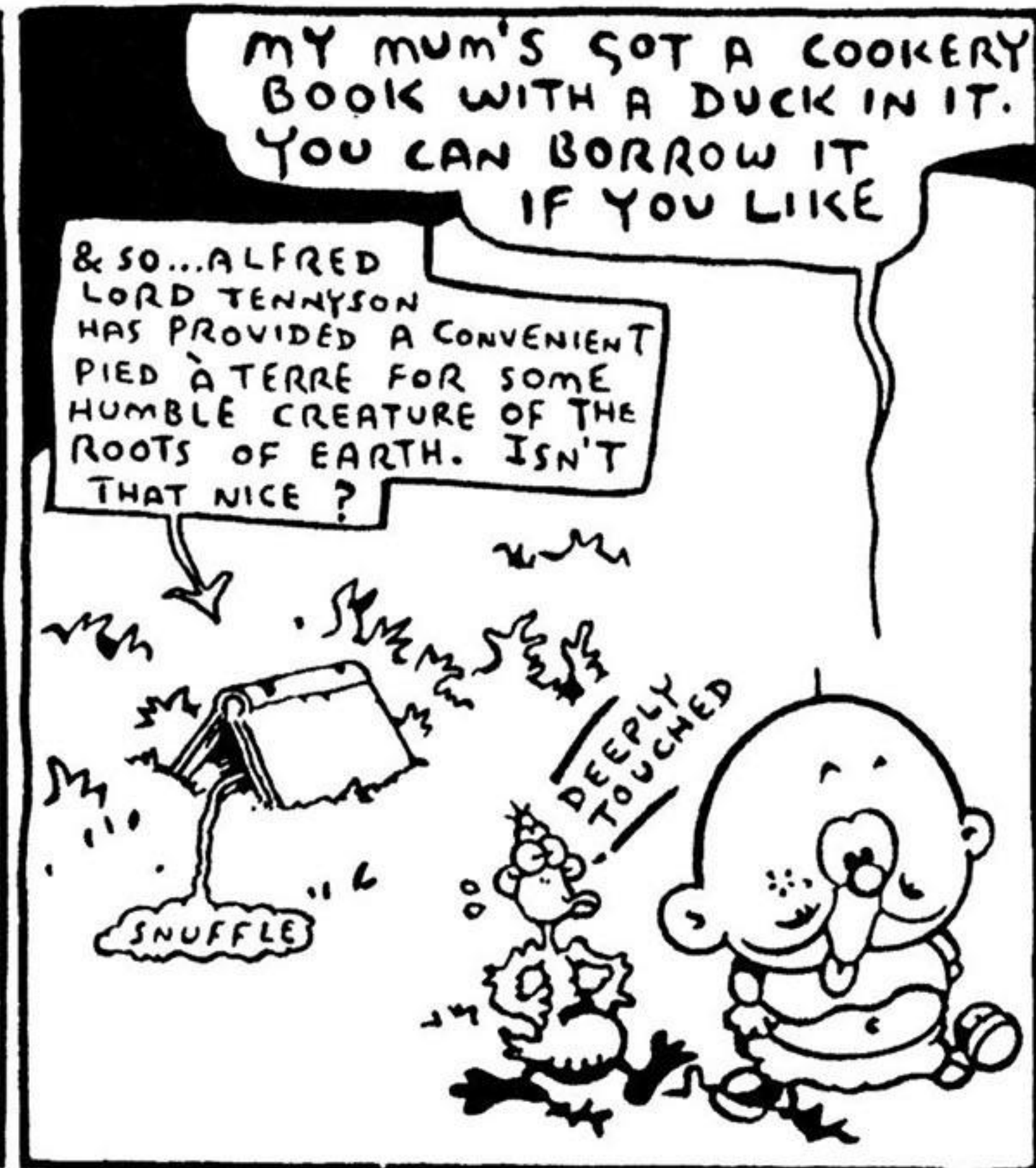
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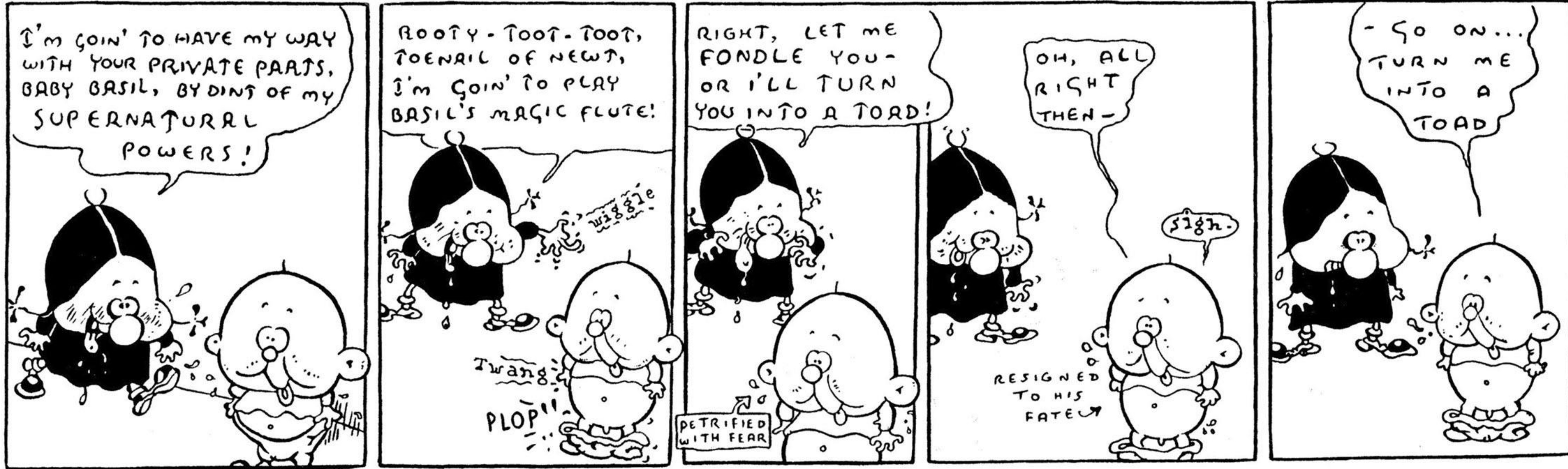
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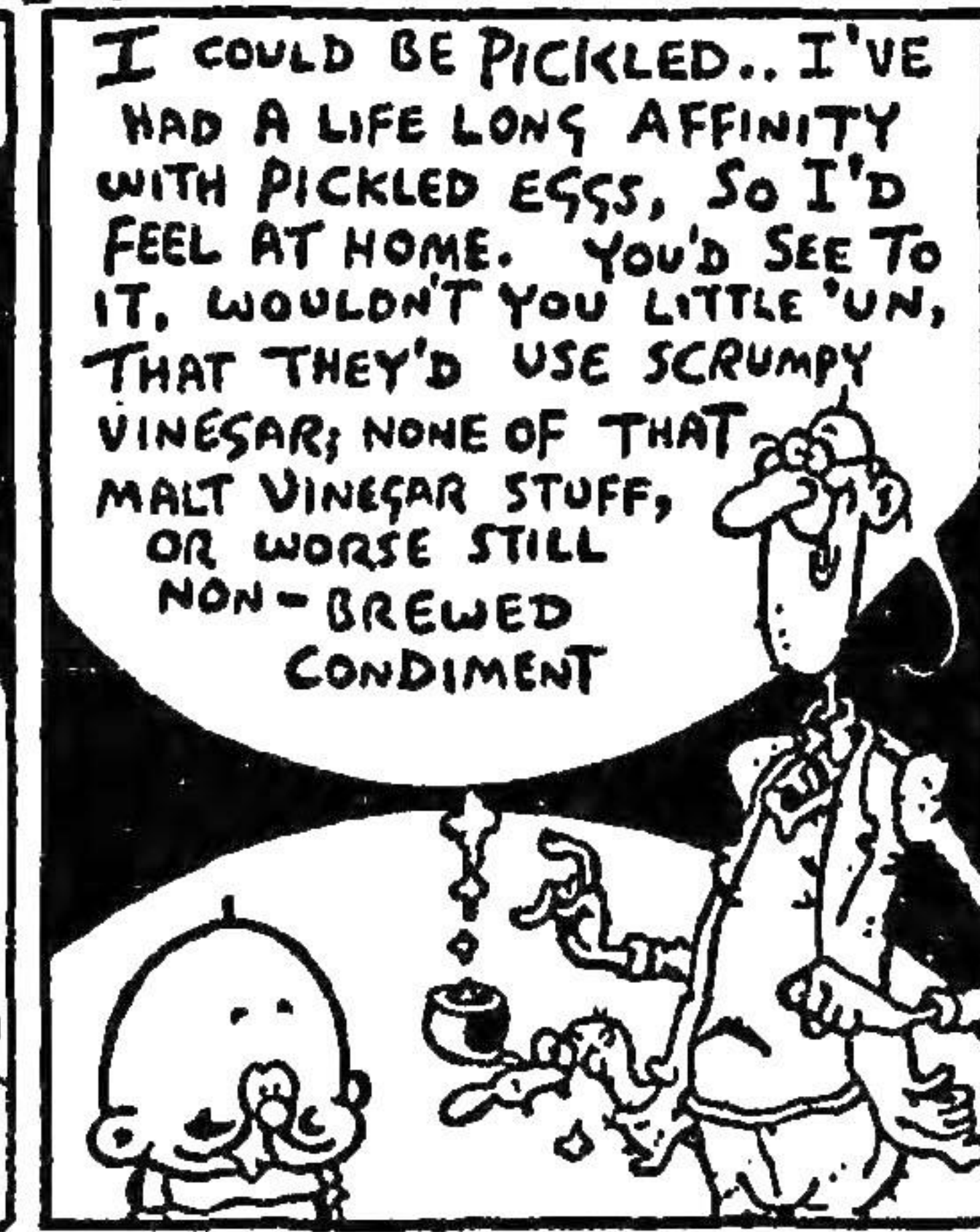
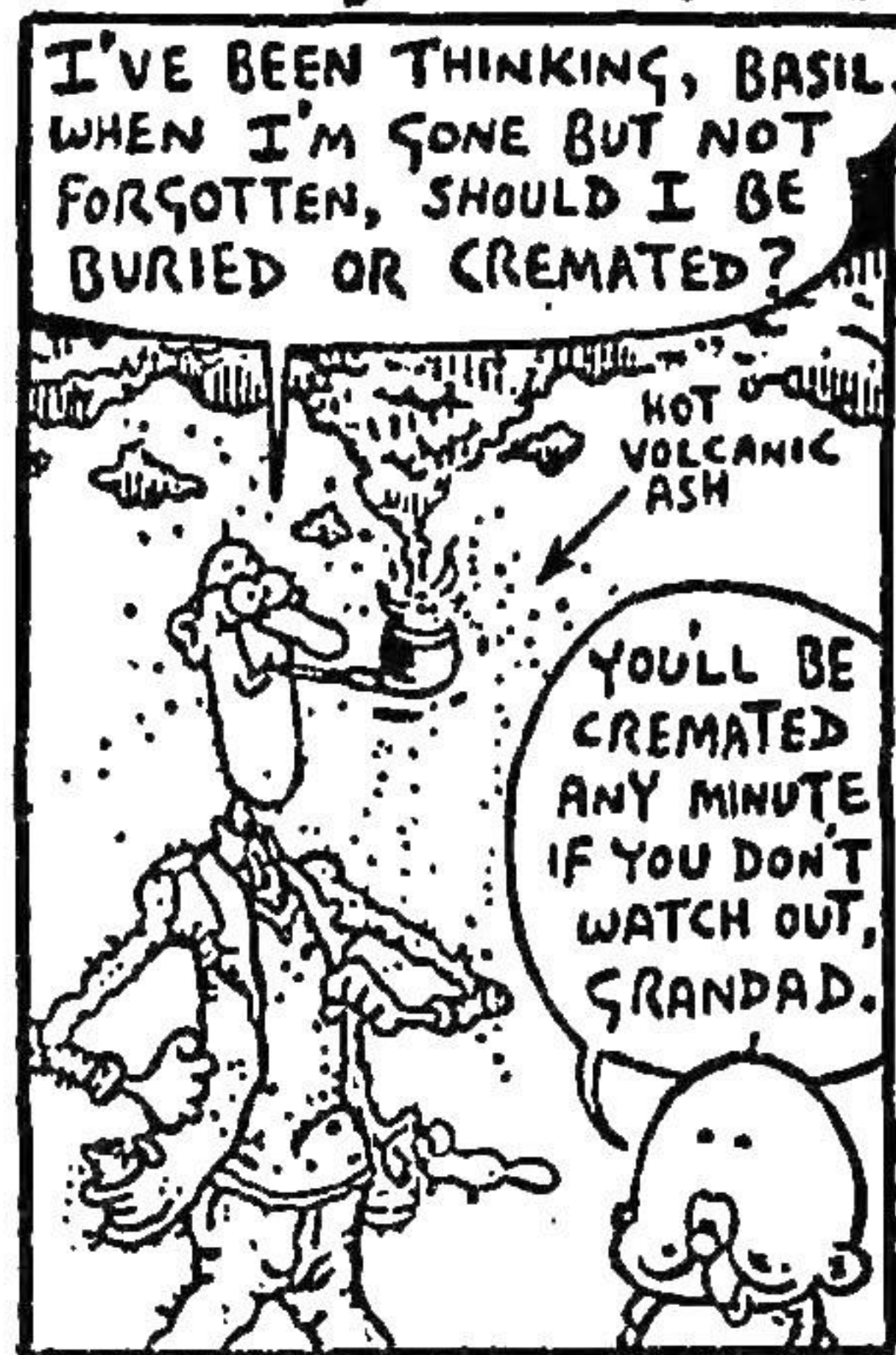
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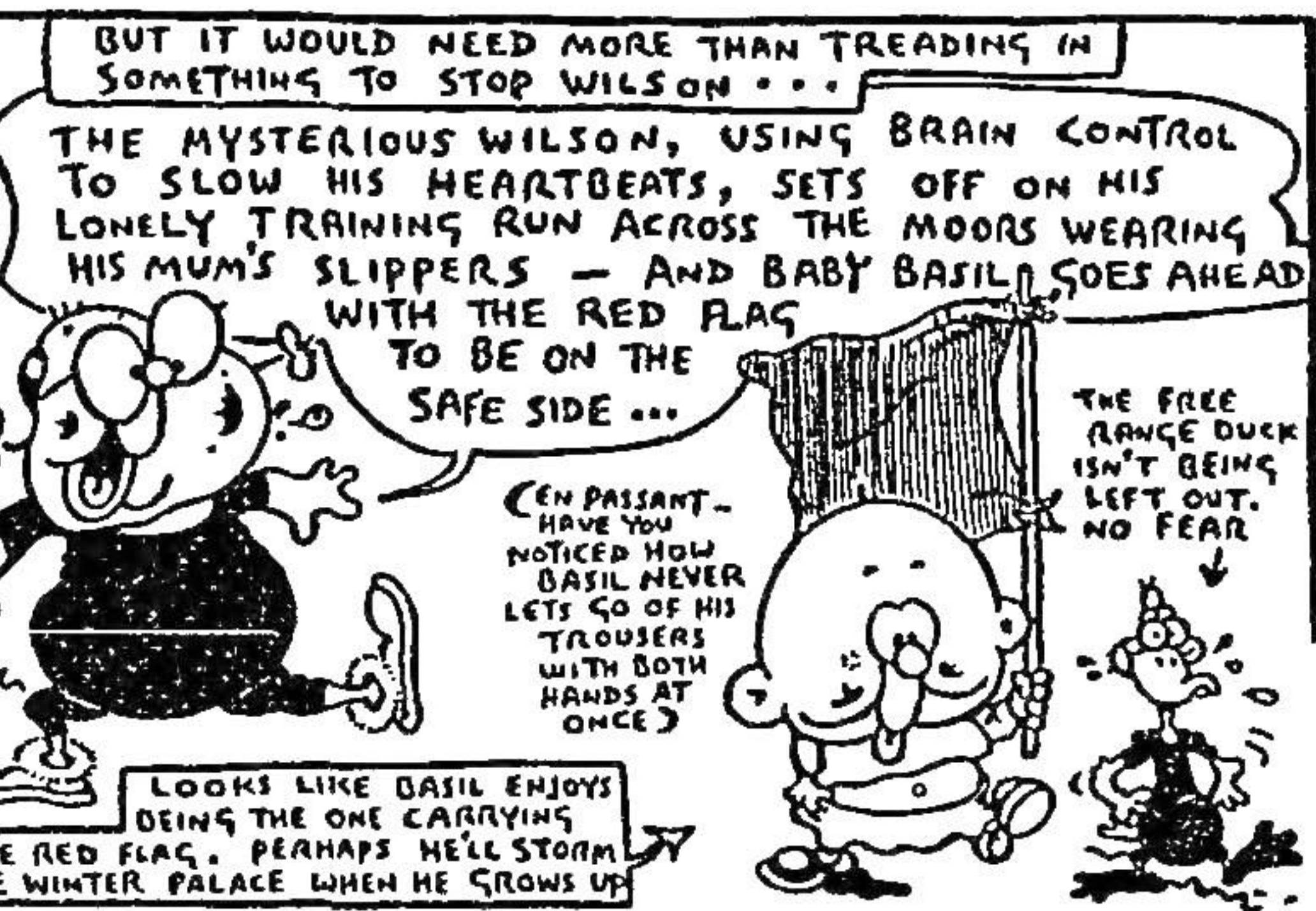
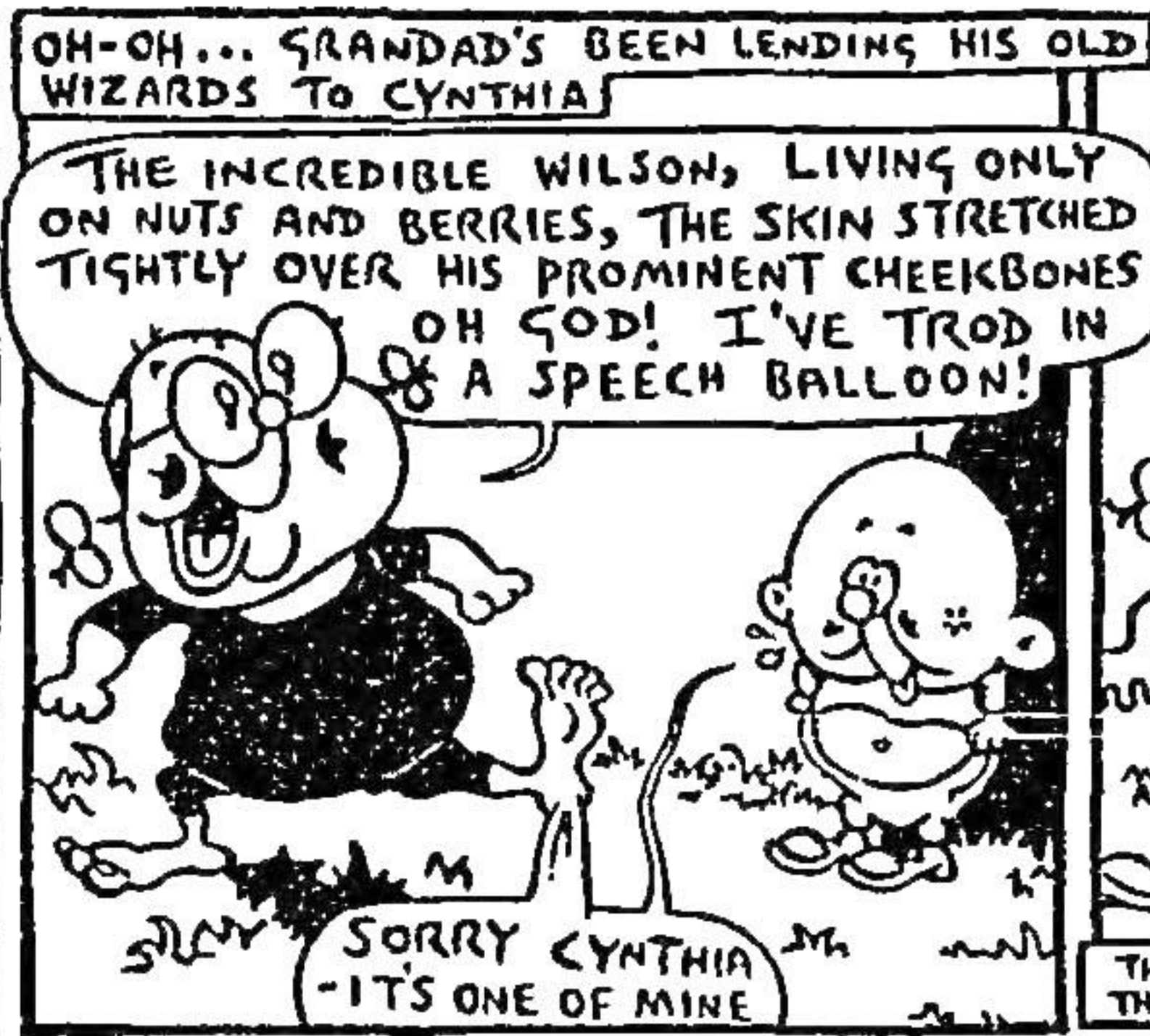
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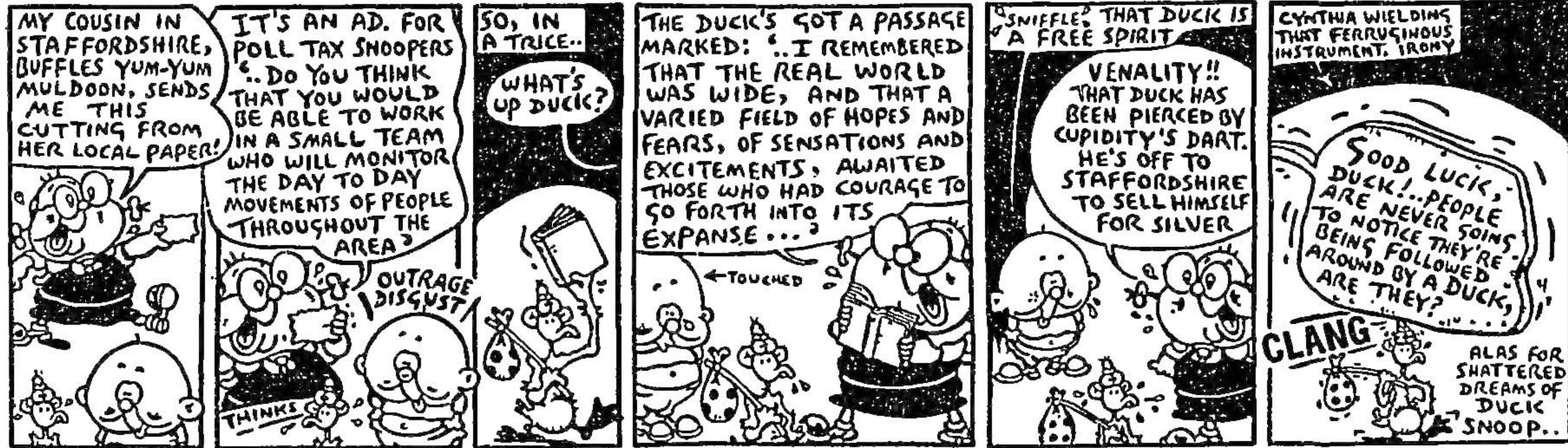
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I'M ONLY 3
BUT ALREADY
WONDERING
ABOUT THAT
JOURNEY INTO
THE UNKNOWN
WHICH EACH OF
US MUST TAKE:
I'M WORRIED
ABOUT GOING
TO SCHOOL



SCHOOL, BASIL,
IS AN ETERNAL
STRUGGLE BETWEEN
CULTURE AND
NATURE ...
OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS **NITS**

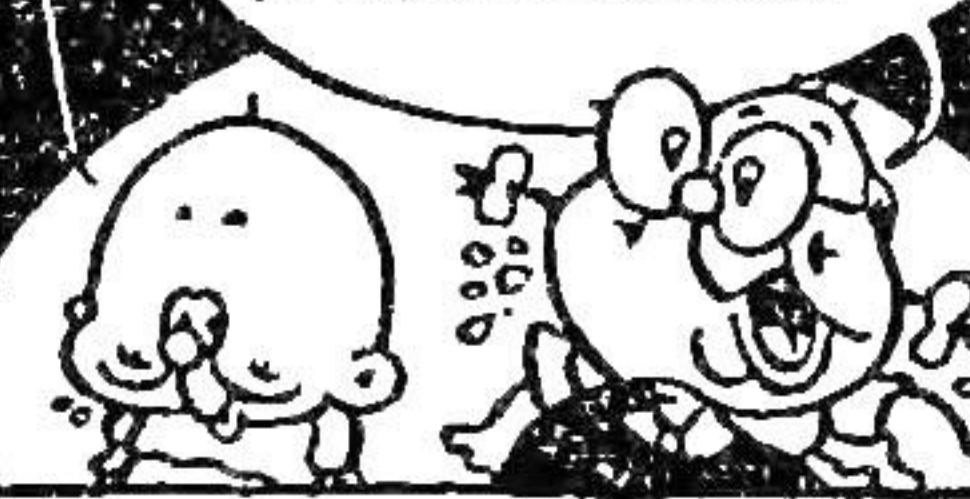


THEN THERE'S THE
IDEOLOGY
WHICH DROPPETH
ON YOUR BRAIN
AS THE GENTLE
ACID RAIN FROM
HEAVEN

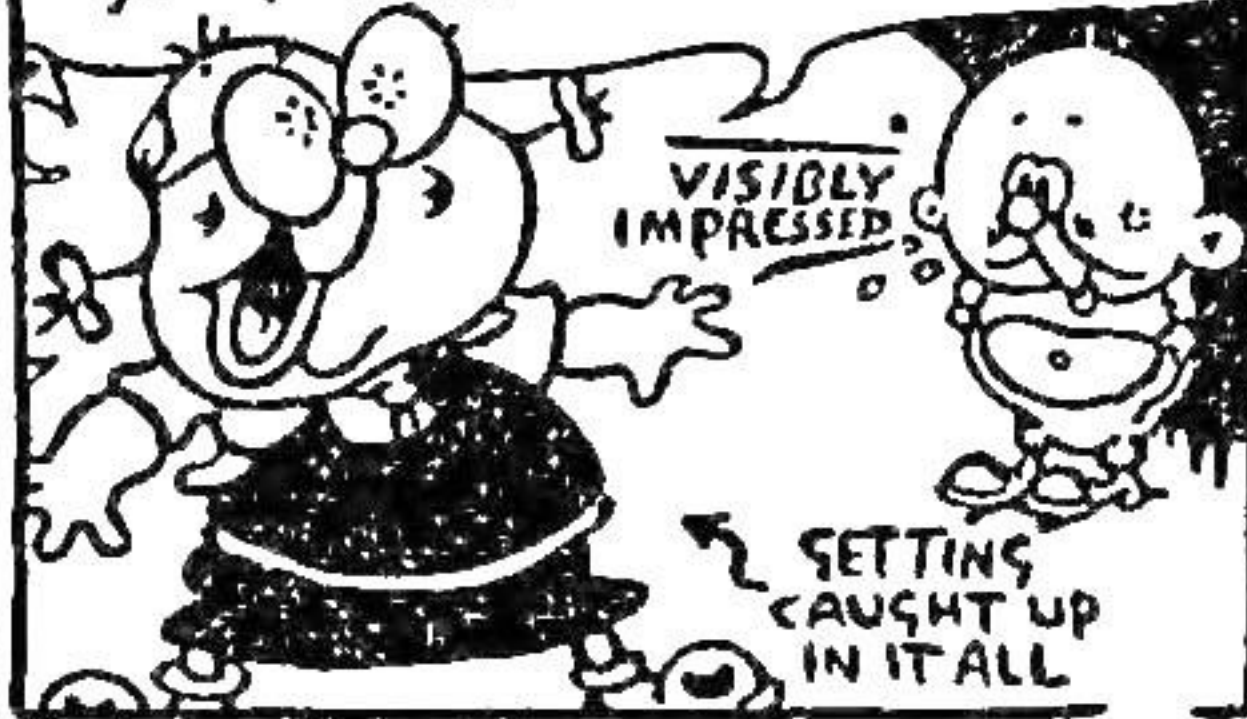


I COULD HAVE A TUTOR

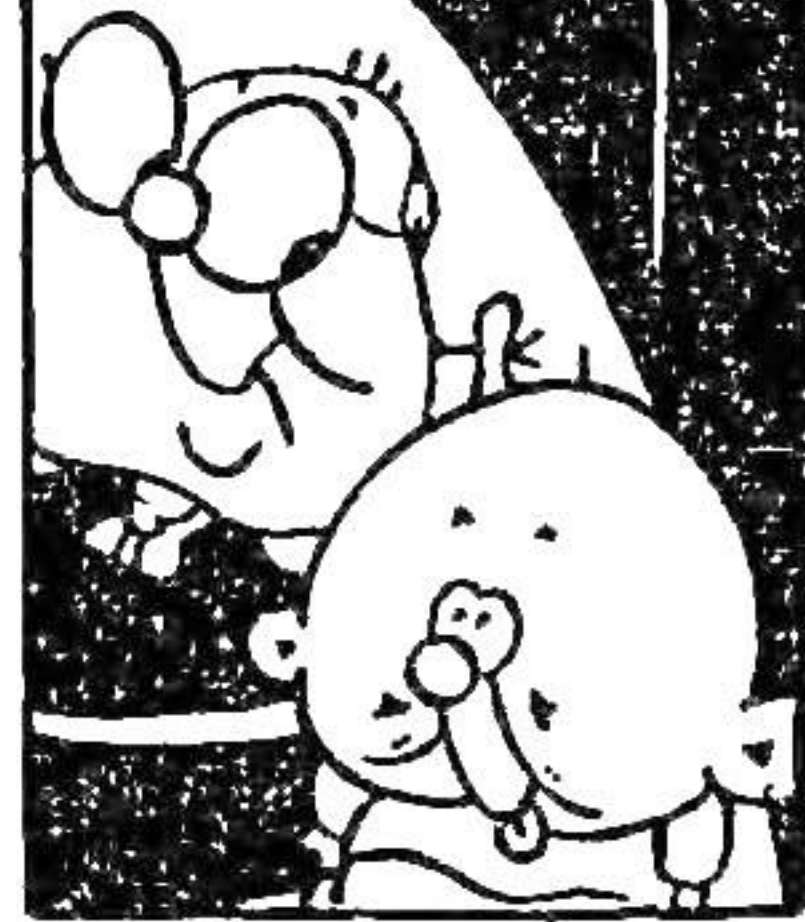
A TUTOR?? THAT'S A
RUM NOTION, NOT TO
SAY BLOODY ELITIST...
STILL, HAM, LET'S SEE,
ANDREW MARVELL WAS
TUTOR TO GENERAL
FAIRFAX'S DAUGHTER..
AND OF COURSE IN OUR
OWN CENTURY ANTHONY
ALOYSIUS HANCOCK, TUTOR
TO ARCHIE ANDREWS...



IT TAKES TUTOR TANGO, BASIL, AND
I, CYNTHIA, WILL BE YOUR TUTOR -
- I'LL GIRD YOUR MIND AGAINST
IDEOLOGY WITH A HUNDRED BLOOD-
- THIRSTY BADGERS, SIX BOAT-LOADS
OF RATS WITH PISTOLS AND CUTLASSES,
A PICKED BODY OF TOADS, KNOWN AS
THE DIE-HARDS, OR THE DEATH-OR-
- GLORY TOADS ...



AND THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ANY NITS
WOULD THERE?



'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL!'

Leo Baxendale

CAN SOME KIND
SOUL DIRECT
ME TO THE
ALLOTMENTS?

IT'S A GOOD
HALF MILE..
YOU'LL NEED
A TAXI

IF I COULD AFFORD
A TAXI I WOULDN'T
BE EMBROILED IN A
PATHETIC ATTEMPT TO
SELL THIS SHOVELFUL
OF MANURE FOR A
DERISORY SUM

SORRY... ARE
YOU A MEMBER OF
THE UNDERCLASS,
CHILD?

WELL, I AM NOW.. UP TO A
FORTNIGHT AGO I BELONGED TO
THE LUMPEN BOURGEOISIE. I
CAME HOME THAT FATEFUL DAY
TO FIND MY PARENTS, DIS-
-ILLUSIONED BY POSTMODERNIST
SOCIETY, GONE TO ALBANIA TO
OPEN A DUTY FREE SHOP,
LEAVING A FAREWELL NOTE AND
A PHOTO FOR ME TO REMEMBER
THEM BY, PLUS 15,000 TINS OF
GRUB TO KEEP ME GOING TILL
I'M 18. THE TINS ARE A BIT
OF A LUCKY DIP 'COS I'M HAVING
TO USE THE LABELS: THEY FORGOT
TO LEAVE BOG
ROLLS..

HERE'S A PHOTO
OF MY PARENTS.
IGNORE THE DART
HOLES. I'M AT MY
WITS END, WHAT
WITH THE POLL TAX
DEMANDS COMING
THROUGH THE DOOR,
AND WORRYING
ABOUT GLOBAL
WARMING...

HANG ON, I RECOGNISE
THESE TWO: THEY HAVEN'T
GONE TO ALBANIA -
- THEY'RE RUNNING THE
NEW CHIP SHOP UP AT
HOWARDS END ...

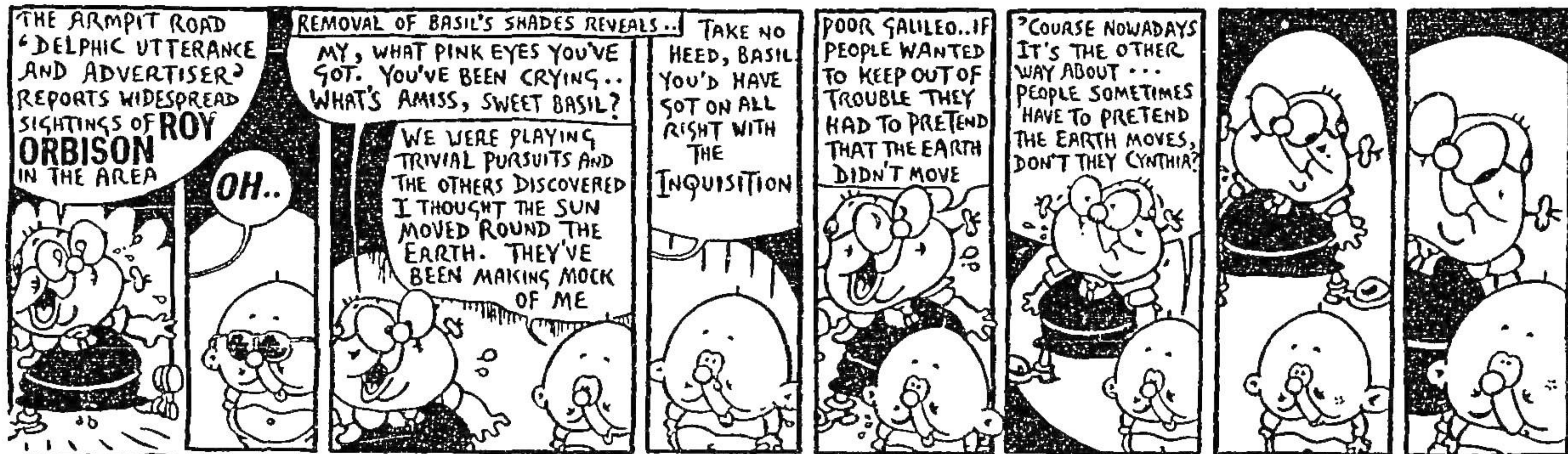
PERFIDY!

CAN WE WATCH THE JOYOUS
REUNION? WILL YOU DELIVER
A SANCTIMONIOUS HOMILY
ON THE DUTIES OF PARENTHOOD
AND THE IMMUTABILITY OF
THE FAMILY, OR WILL THERE
BE A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION?

HAVEN'T DECIDED
YET, BUT I'VE
A STRONG FEELING
THAT EITHER
WAY IT'LL
INVOLVE THIS
SHOVELFUL
OF MANURE.

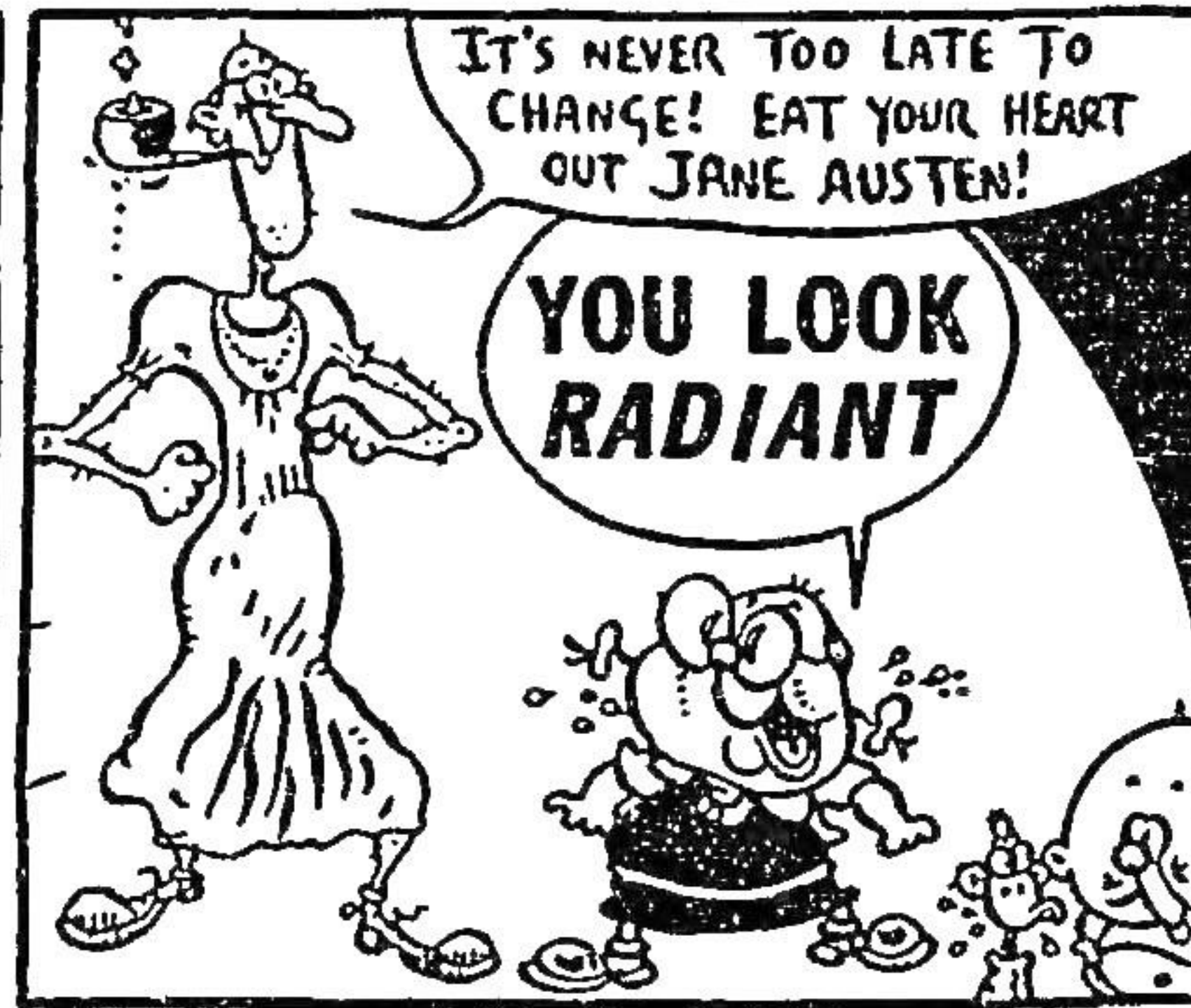
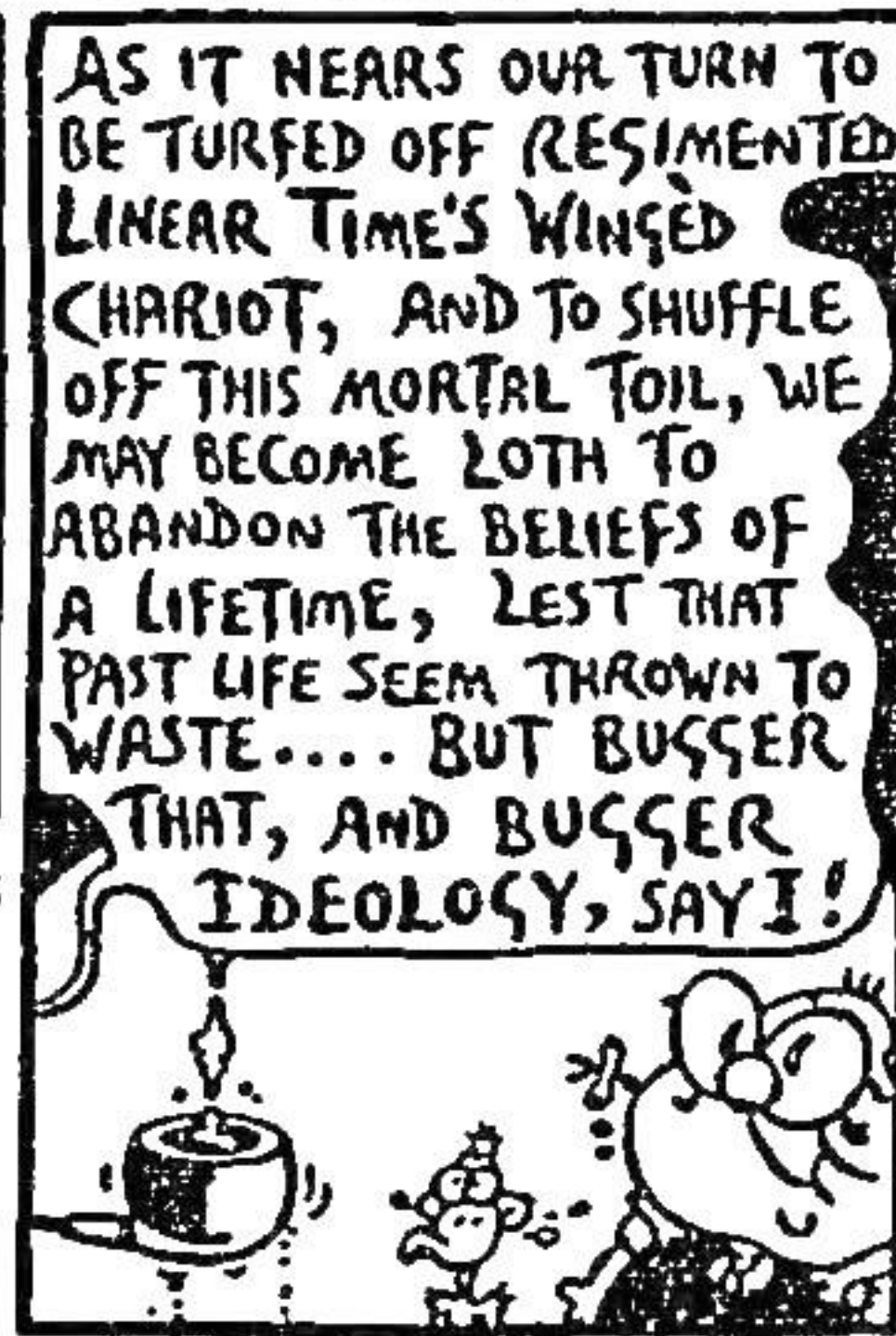
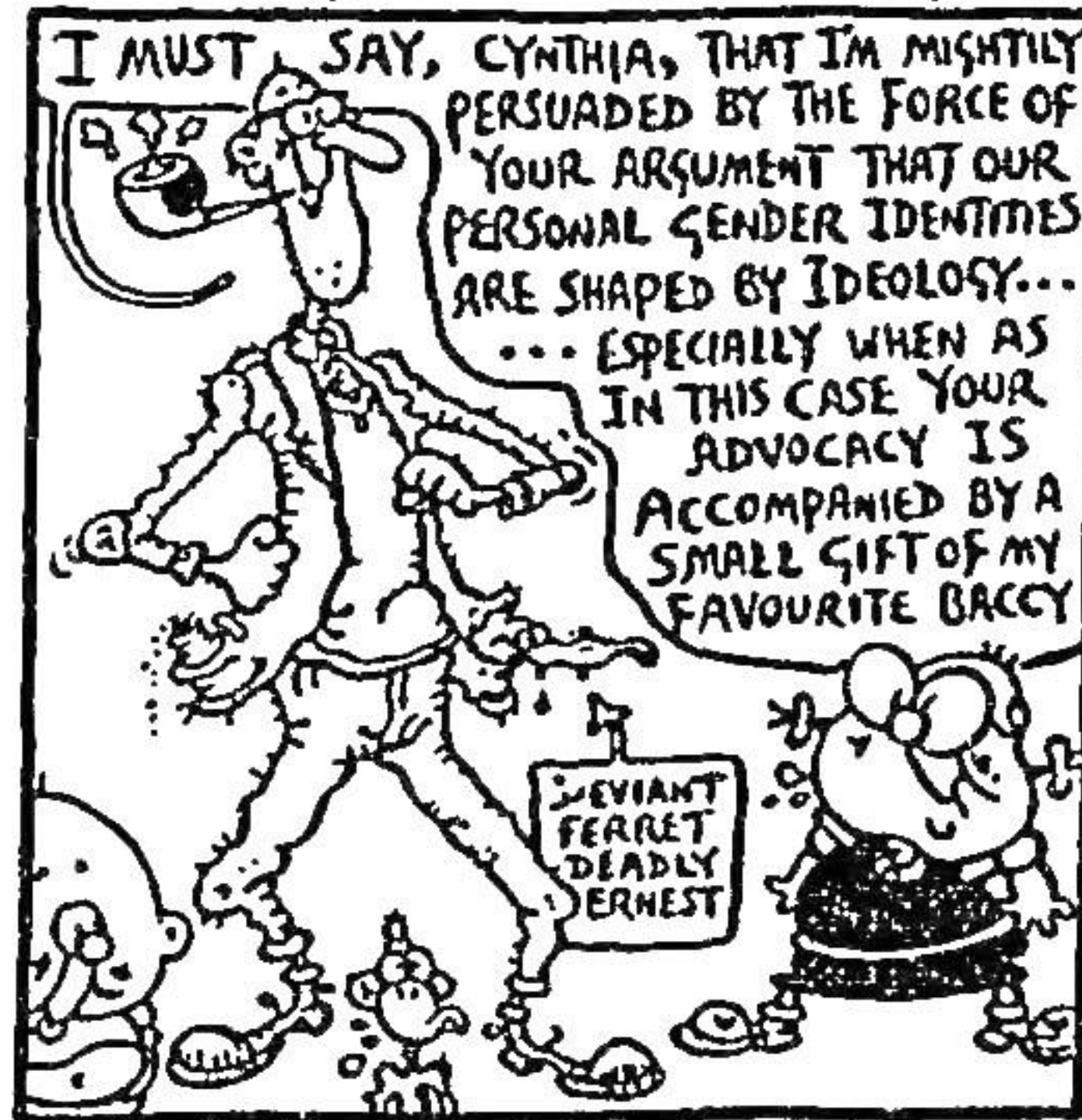
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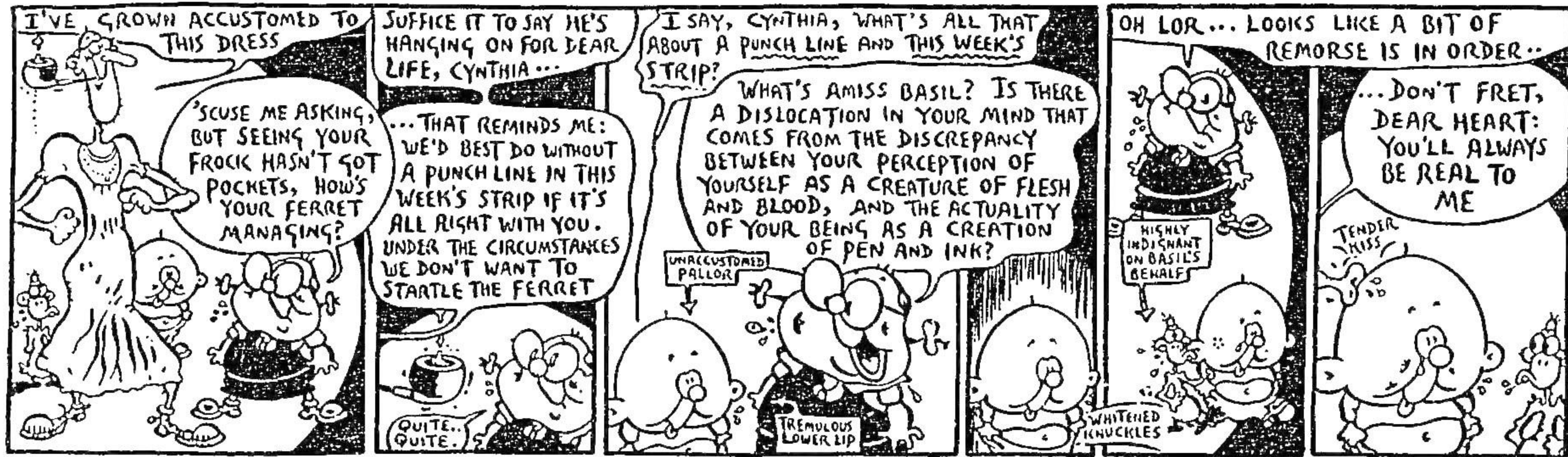
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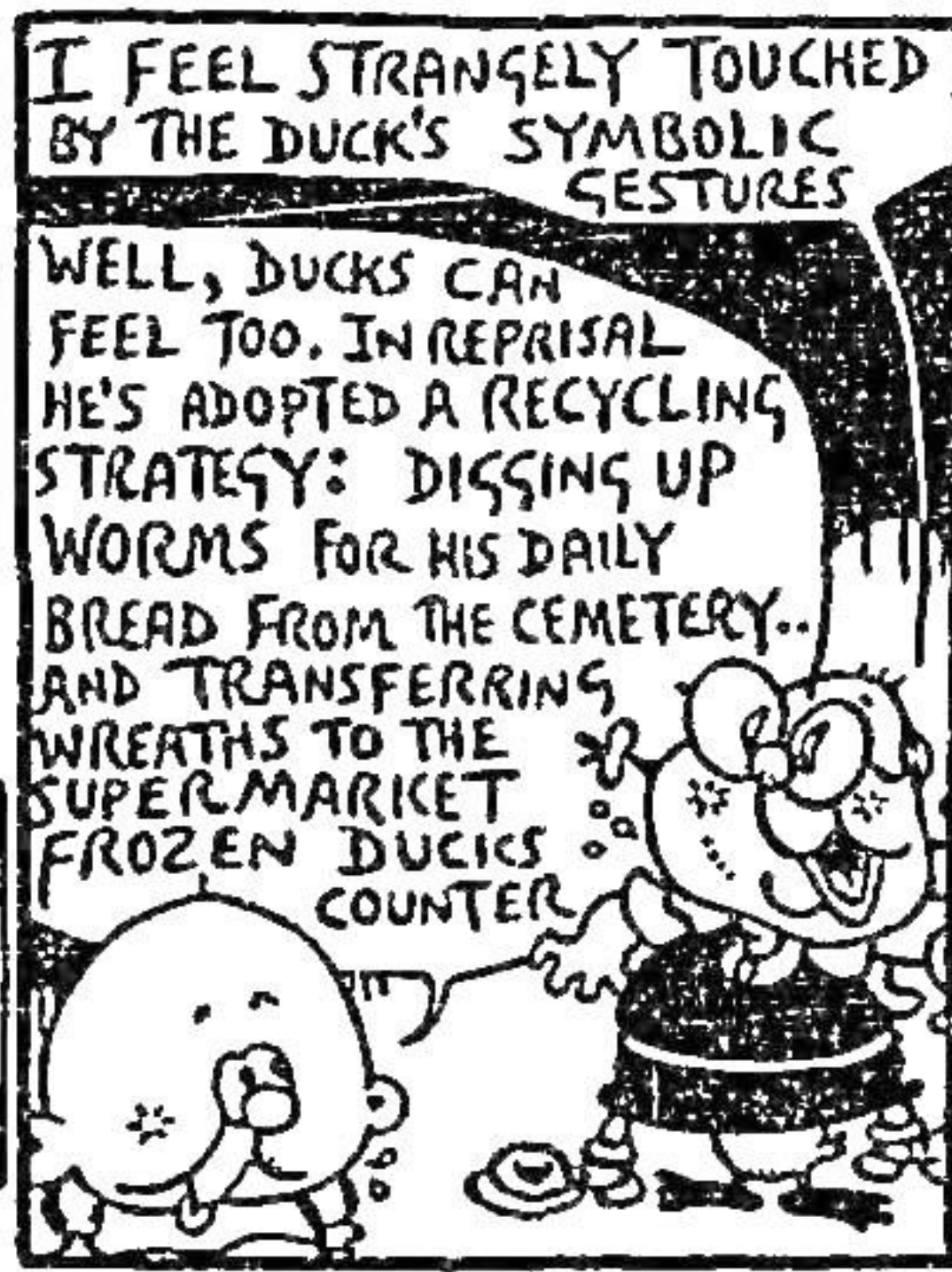


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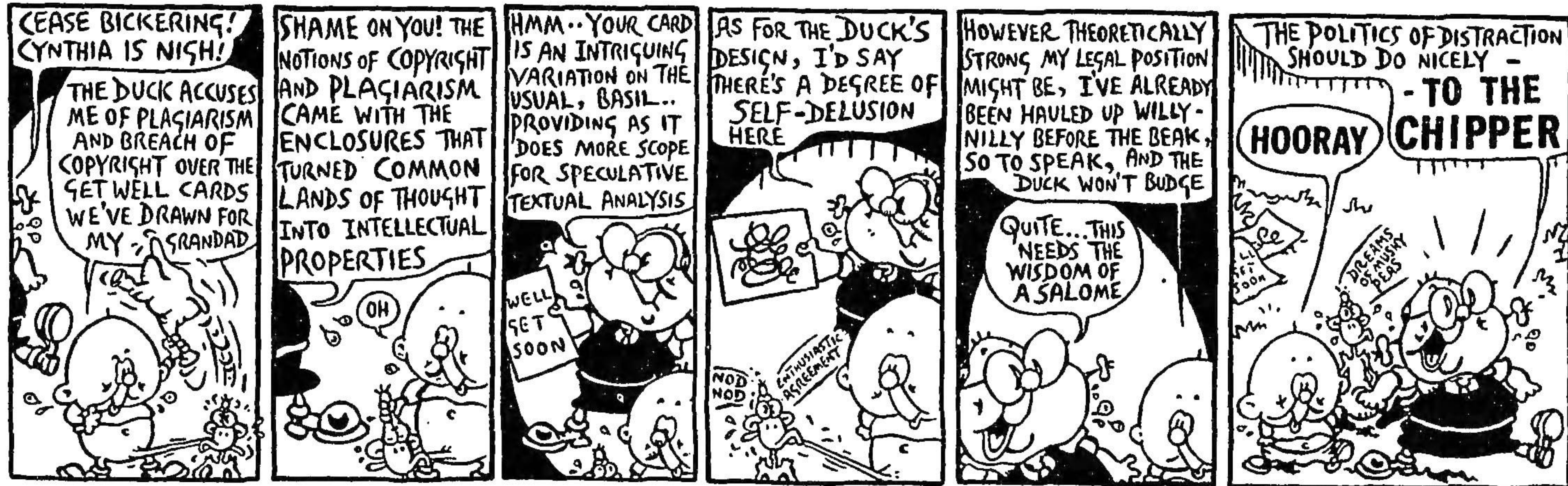
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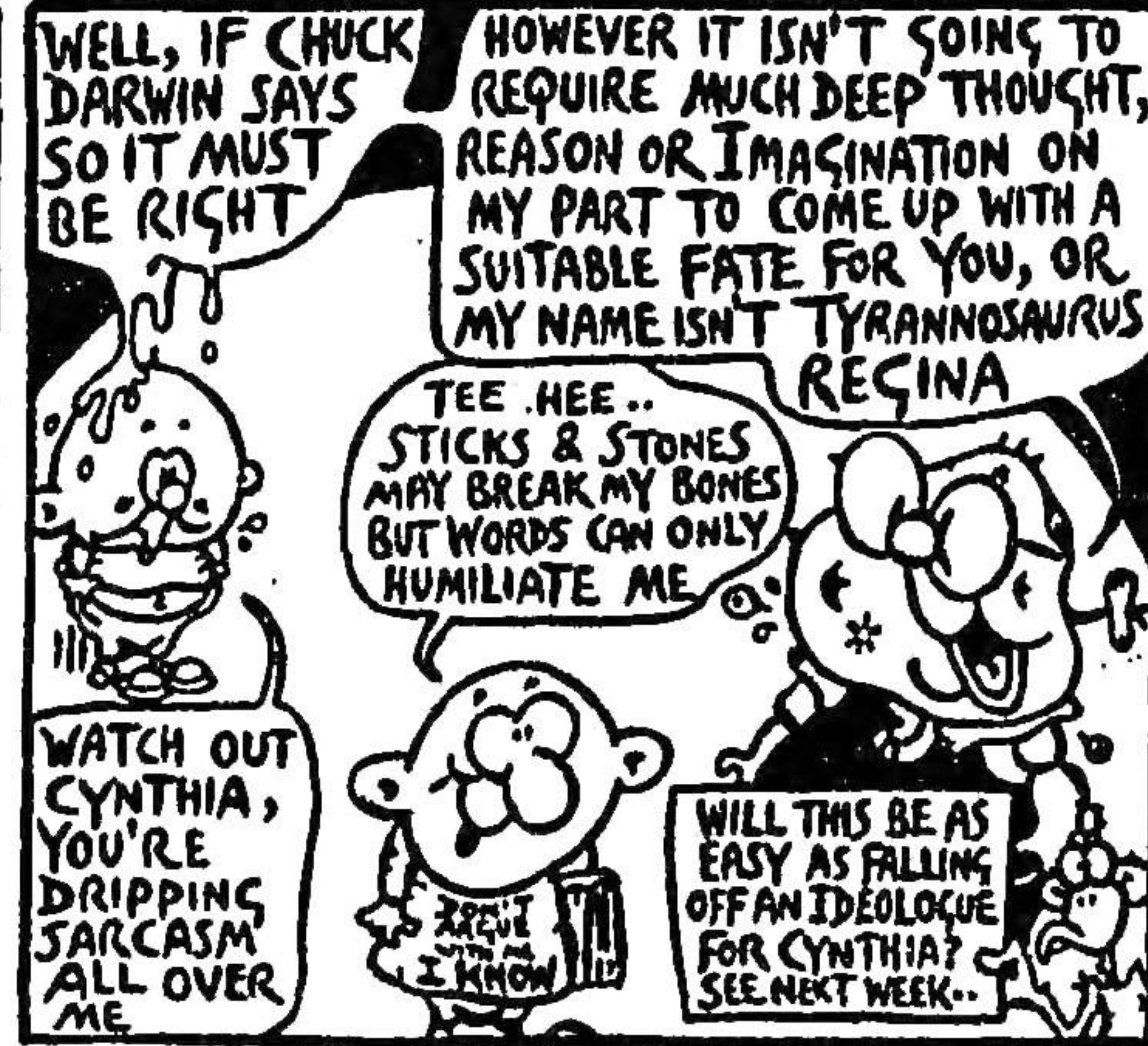
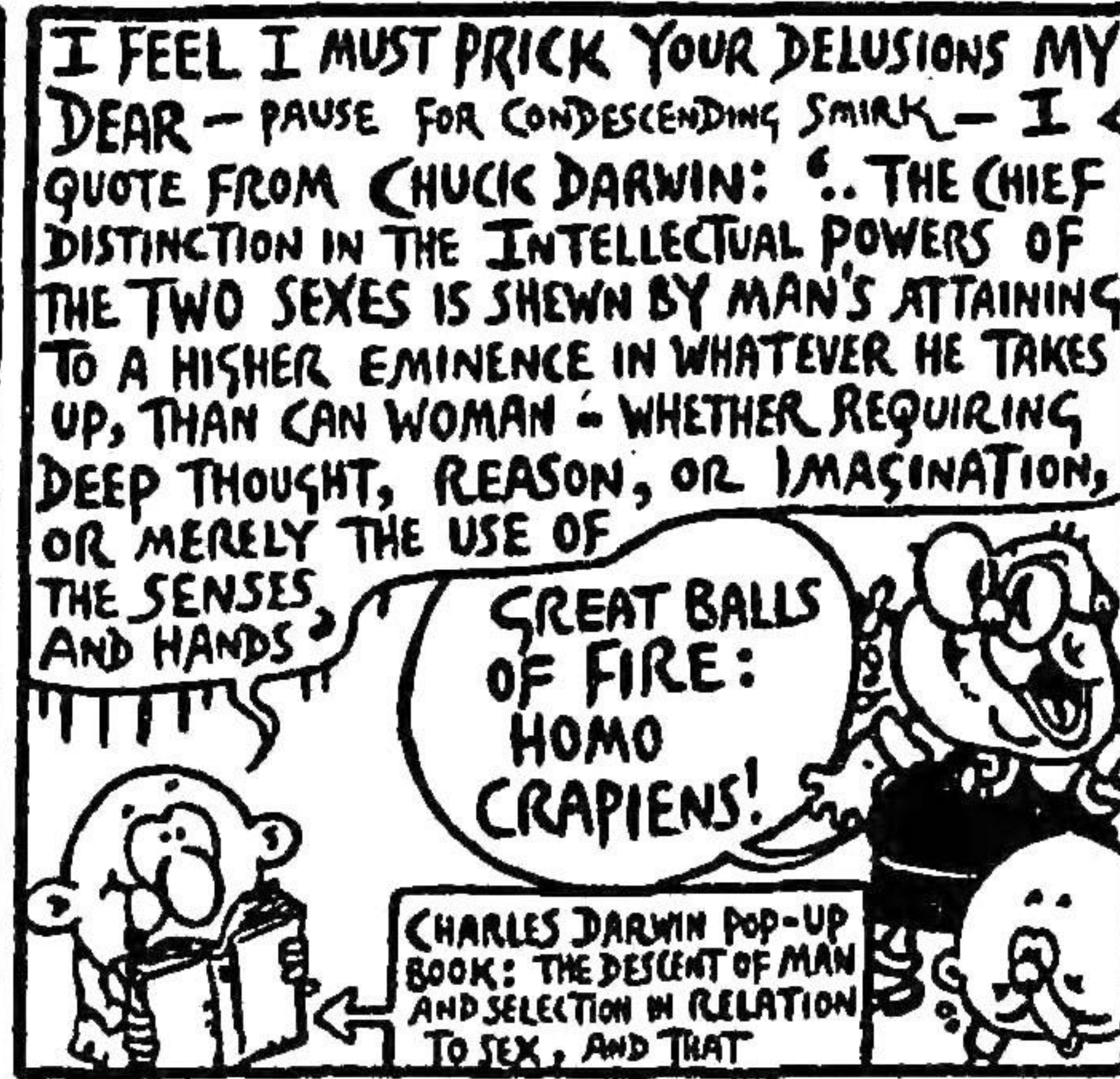
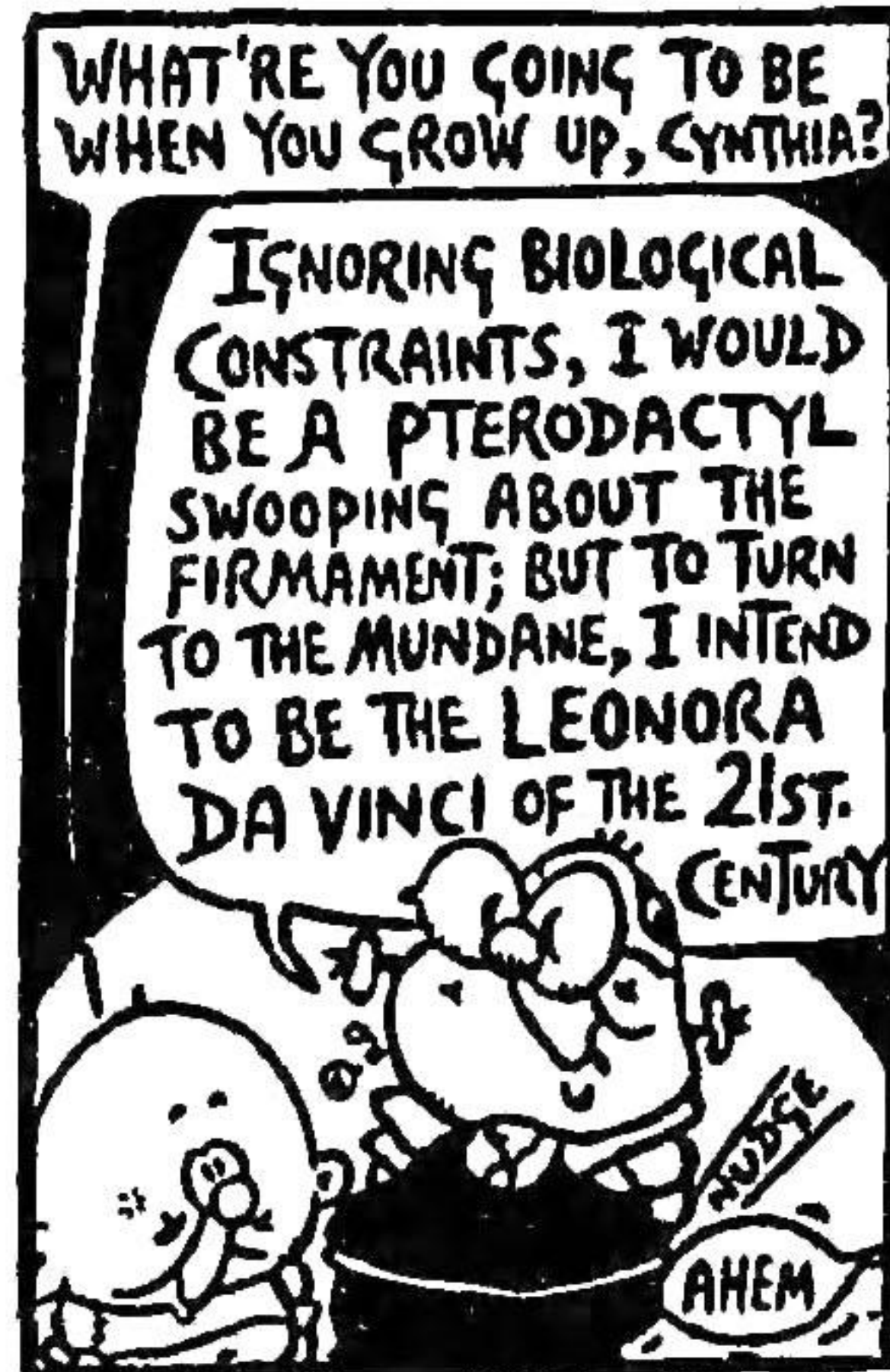


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FOR NUDE READERS: POLYSATURATED FATE IN THE PERSON OF CYNTHIA PYE, BELOVED SISTER OF PORKY PYE, IS ABOUT TO DEAL UNKINDLY WITH CASAUBON ST. JOHN RIVERS ROCHESTER..

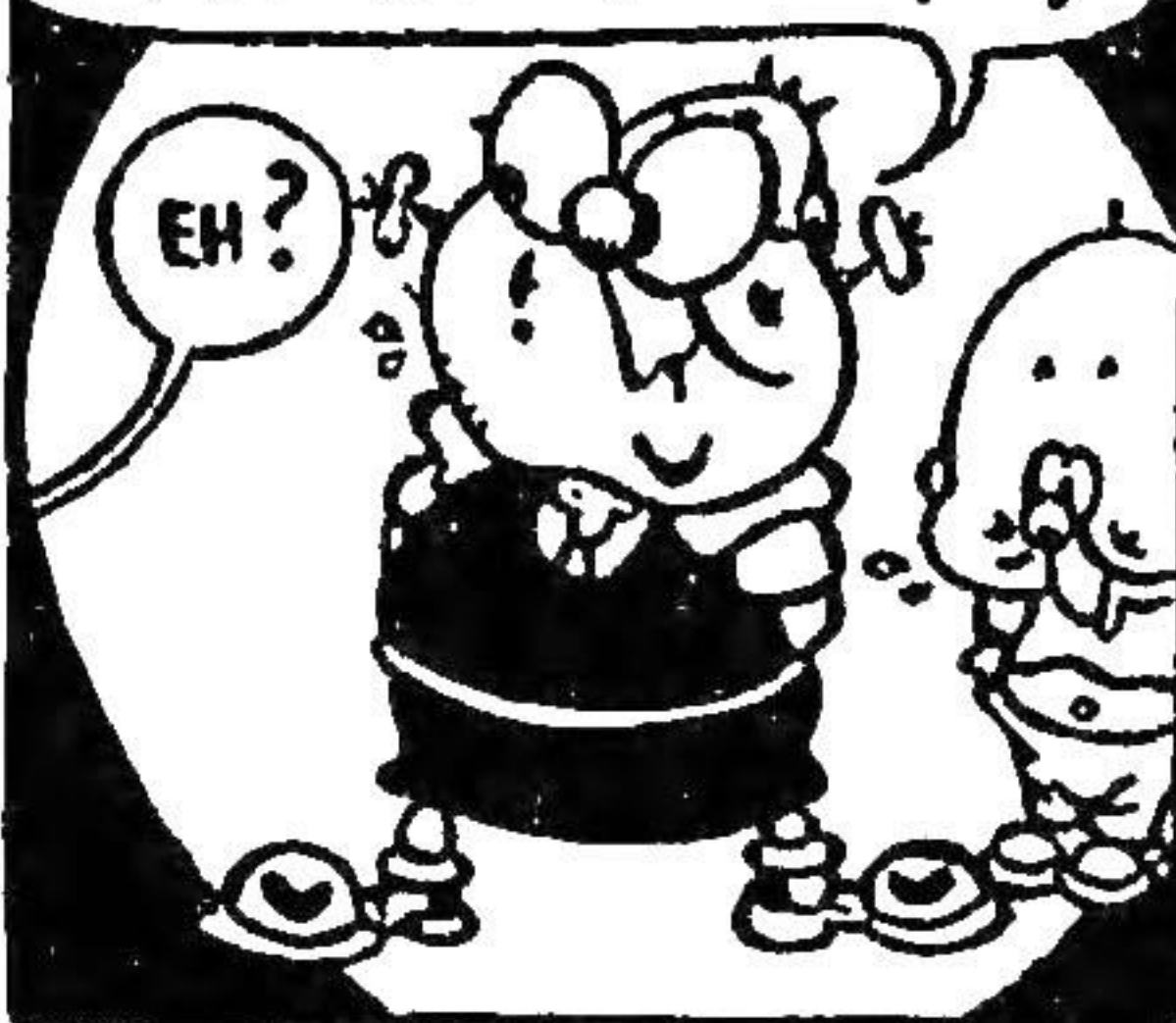
HERE'S A GOOD BIT - PAUSE FOR CONDESCENDING SMIRK - 'IT IS GENERALLY ADMITTED THAT WITH WOMEN THE POWERS OF INTUITION, OF RAPID PERCEPTION, AND PERHAPS OF IMITATION, ARE MORE STRONGLY MARKED THAN IN MEN; BUT SOME, AT LEAST, OF THESE FACULTIES ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE LOWER RACES, AND THEREFORE OF A PAST AND LOWER STATE OF CIVILIZATION'

WHAT ALCHEMY! WHAT ECONOMY OF MEANS TO THUS SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPOSE OF THE LOWER RACES AND THE LOWER GENDER!

(CHARLES DARWIN POP-UP BOOK: THE DESCENT OF MAN AND SELECTION IN RELATION TO SEX, AND THAT



I, CYNTHIA - PAUSE FOR WINTRY SMILE TINGED WITH GOTHIC MENACE - HAVE DEVELOPED AN IDEOLOGY ANTIDOTE AND PRAT SERUM THAT WILL PUT YOU TO RIGHTS. YOU WON'T MIND A COUPLE OF LITTLE JABS, WILL YOU?



SORRY: TWO

ONE IN THE EYE FOR PRATRIARCHY... BUT WILL IT MAKE A BLIND BIT OF DIFFERENCE? WE SHALL SEE (THOUGH OF COURSE ROCHESTER WON'T..)



READER, I MARMALIZED HIM

SOMETIMES IT'S KIND TO BE CRUEL, AND CYNTHIA IS KINDA CRUEL

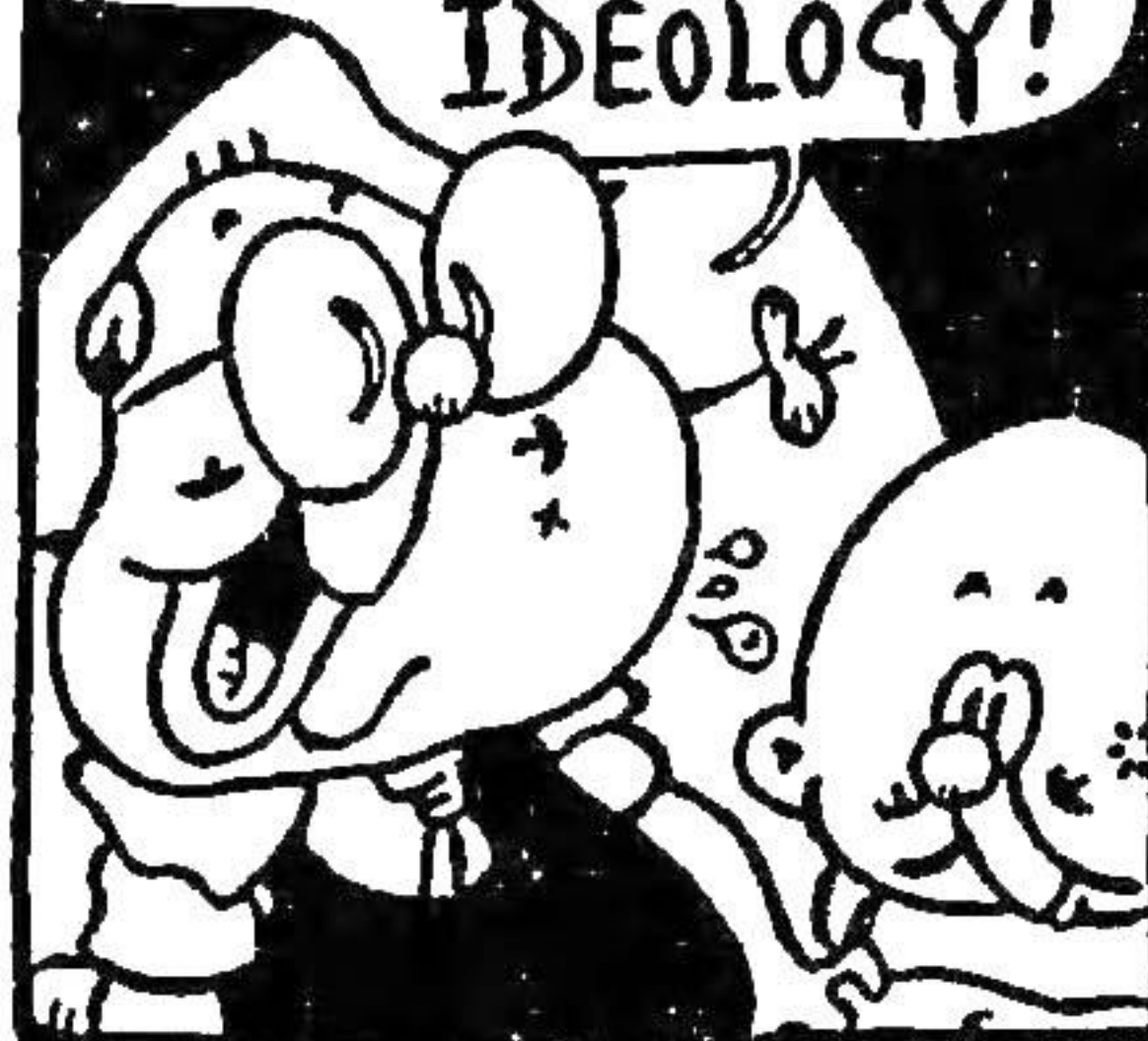


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MORNING IN THE BOWL OF NIGHT/HAS FLUNG A STONE THAT PUTS THE STARS TO FLIGHT; AND AT ARMPIT ROAD IT'S A WARM DAY WITH ABOVE AVERAGE SEASONAL TEMPERATURES...

I HAVE UNSEASONAL LONGINGS FOR SOLID FARE: BANGERS AND MASH, GRAVY AND IDEOLOGY!



IN CIVIL COMPANY, LEISURELY EATING AND DRINKING IS OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSATION AND REPARTÉE, ISN'T IT?



...ISN'T IT?



REPARTÉE BE ROGÉRED! THERE'LL BE A 4-MINUTE SILENCE WHILE WE SCOFF THE BANGERS AND MASH

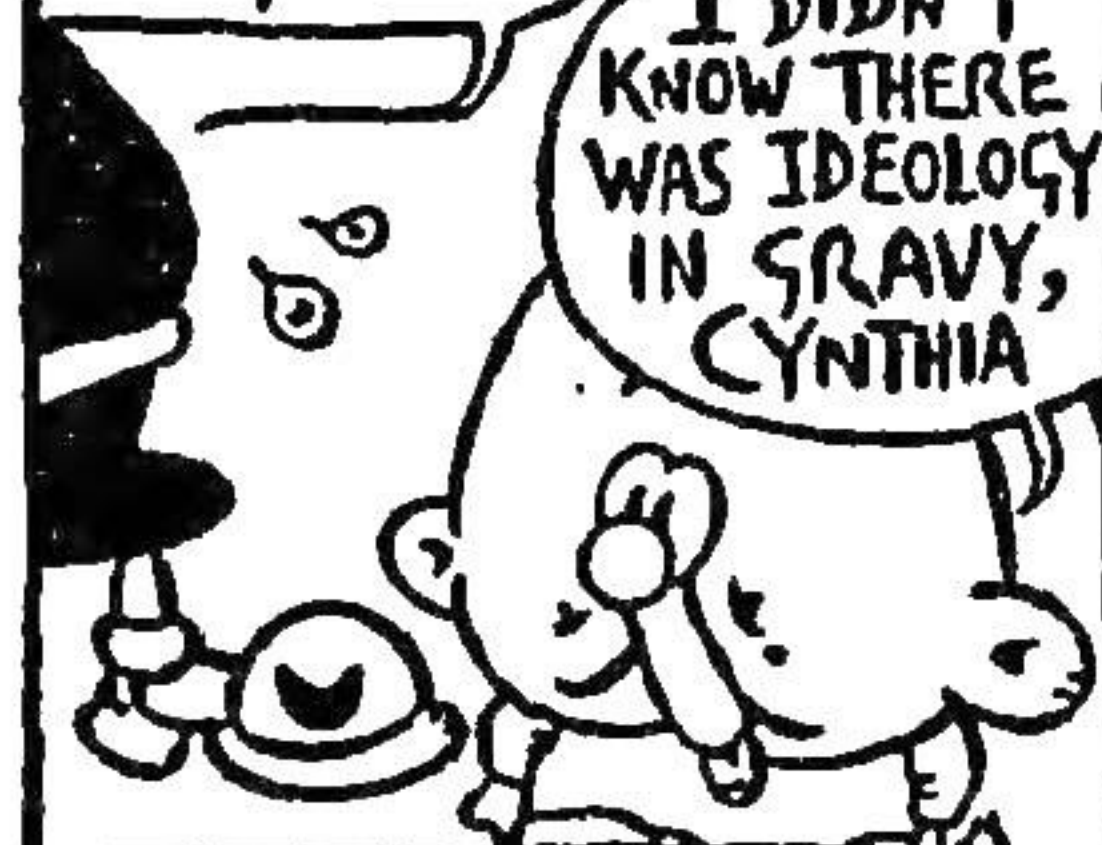


BANGERS & MASH IS A COUNTERVAILING FORCE AGAINST THE IDEOLOGY THAT CONSTRAINS GIRLS TO 'EAT DAINTILY'!! GIRLS EATING BLOODY DAINTILY INSTEAD OF SHOVELLING THE GRUB INTO THEMSELVES DON'T GROW UP 6 FOOT TALL AND BROAD OF SHOULDER! WE MUST SHOVEL INTO OURSELVES EVERY SUBLIME PARTICLE.... (AND

ANYWAY I DO EAT DAINTILY AFTER MY FASHION — I ALWAYS HOOVER THE CRUMBS UP AFTERWARDS) HEE HEE



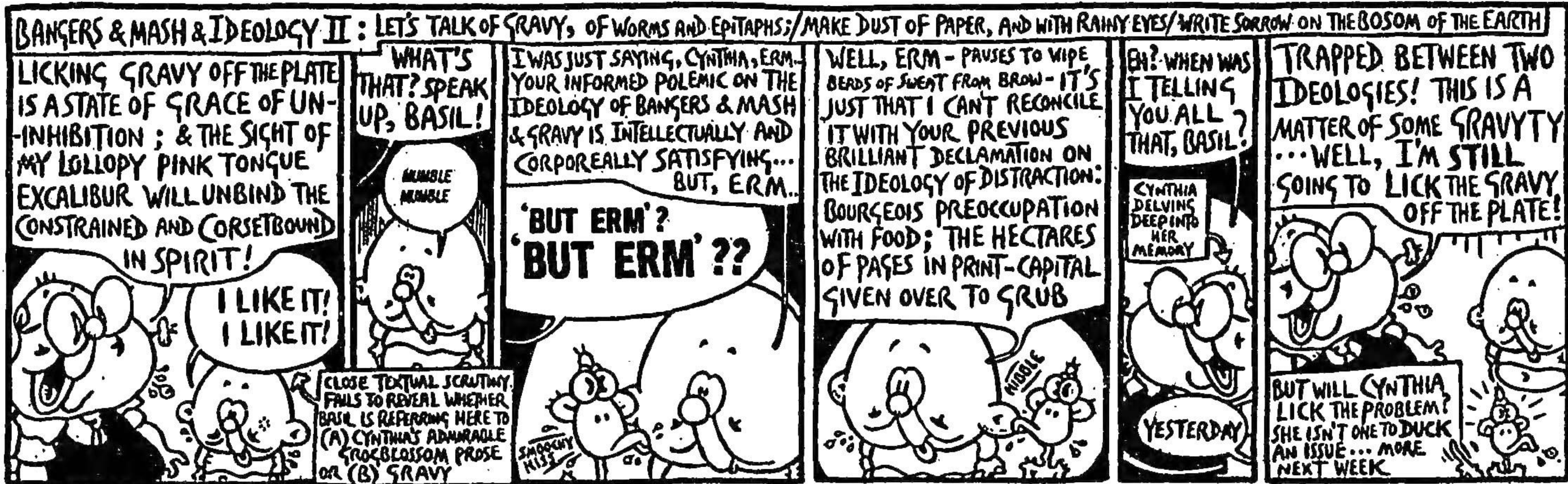
AND WE END WITH A SYMBOLIC ACT — LICKING THE GRAVY OFF THE PLATE!



BUT THERE IS, THERE IS.. SECOND HELPINGS NEXT WEEK:- GRAVY & IDEOLOGY

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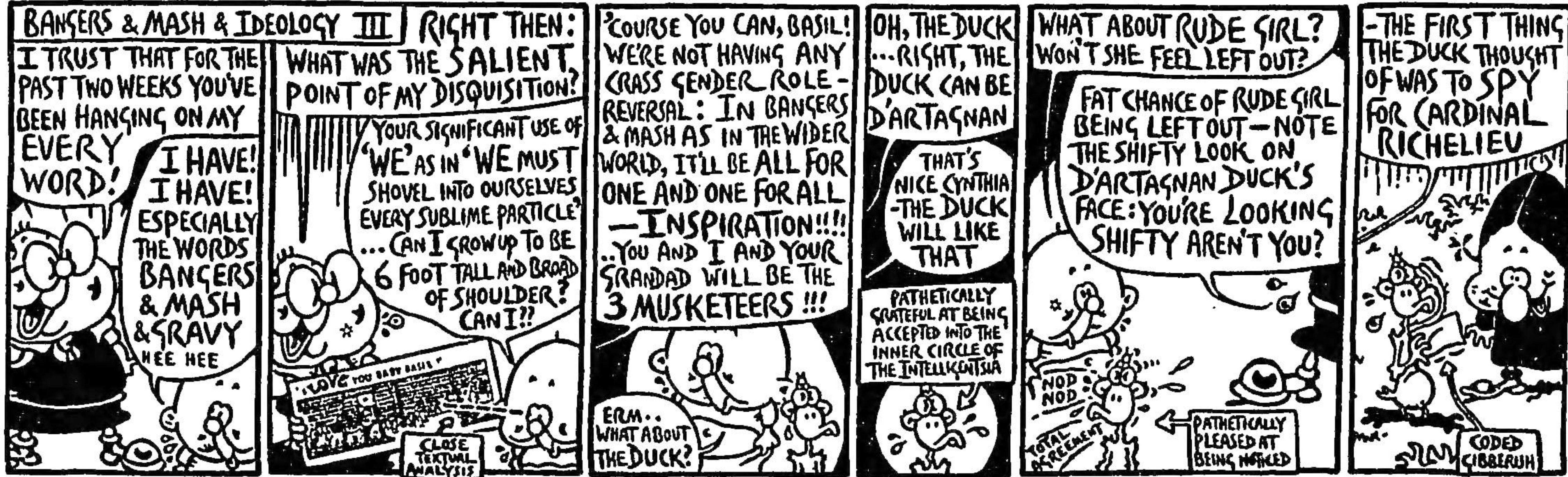


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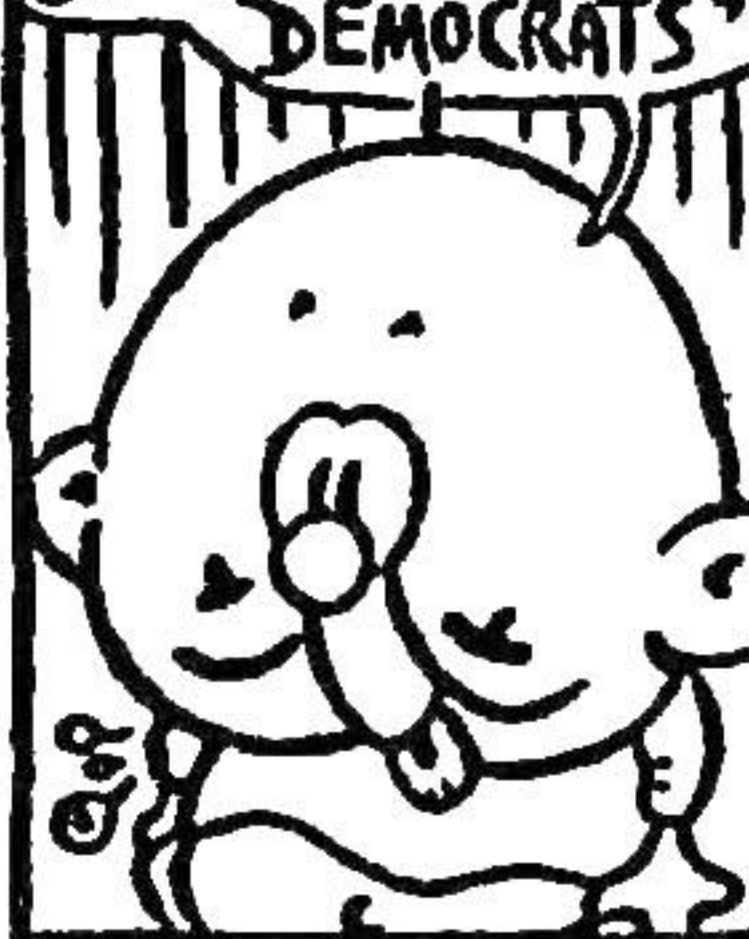
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I'VE BEEN READING A BIOGRAPHY OF DOROTHY WORDSWORTH: IT SEEMS SHE BROUGHT UP ANOTHER'S INFANT, WHOM THE BIOGRAPHERS REFER TO AS 'SMALL BASIL'. IT WASN'T YOU, WAS IT BASIL?



COURSE IT WAS ME..I HADN'T BEEN LETTING ON, THAT'S ALL

I CAN VIVIDLY REMEMBER US AT ALFOXTON HOUSE, PEERING OUT THROUGH THE CURTAINS AT THE HOME OFFICE SPIES WATCHING OUR HOUSE. THEY CALLED US 'A SETT OF VIOLENT DEMOCRATS'



WHY, I'VE STILL GOT THE BUCKET UNCLE COLERIDGE GAVE ME TO COLLECT THE 'ESSS LAID BY THE DUCK'S FOREBEARS



BUT BASIL YOU DON'T LOOK MORE THAN 3..HOW IS IT YOU LOOK SO YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL, YET YOUR BUCKET'S SO MISHAPEN AND CLAPPED OUT?



TRANSFIGURATION AT THE THOUGHT THAT HIS FOREBEARS KNEW COLERIDGE & THE WORDSWORTHS

HEE HEE - BECAUSE IT'S THE PITCHER OF DORIAN GRAY! HEE HEE HEE, HEE HEEEEEE!!



THAT WAS FUN, WASN'T IT, CYNTHIA

THE HAPPY MISFORTUNE OF THE DUCK LOSING THE SCRIPT ALLOWED US THE UNACCUSTOMED FREEDOM OF IMPROVISING!



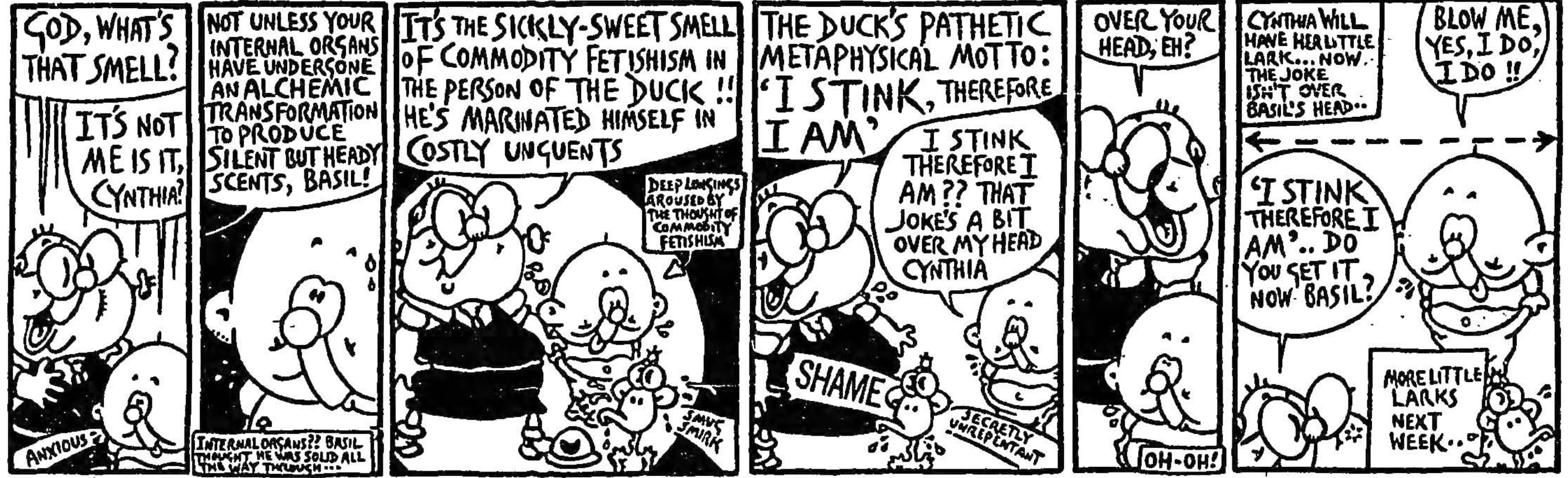
LIVING LIFE WITHOUT A SCRIPT SHARPENS THE APPETITE, BASIL!

HOORAY HOORAY!! TO THE XANADU TAKEAWAY!



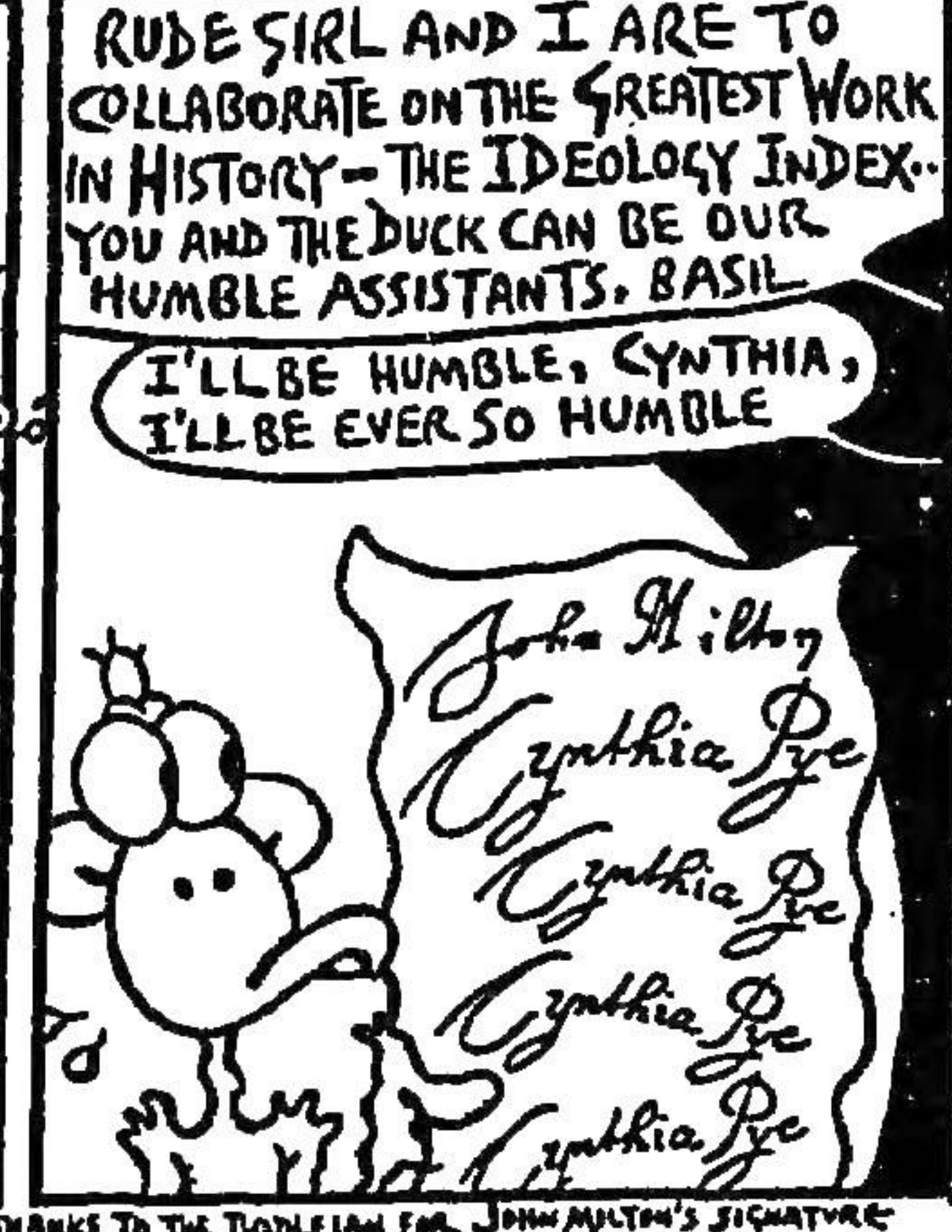
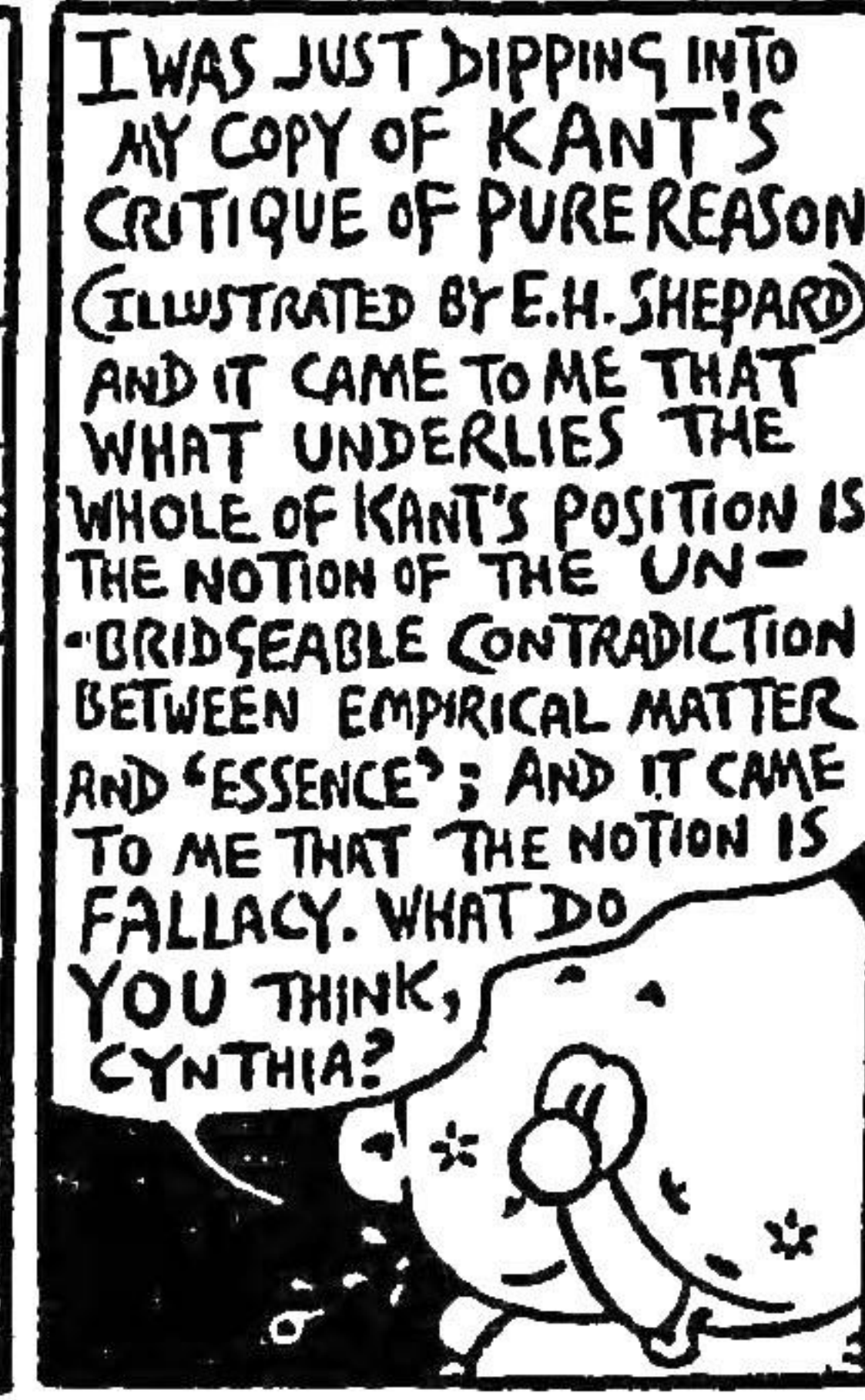
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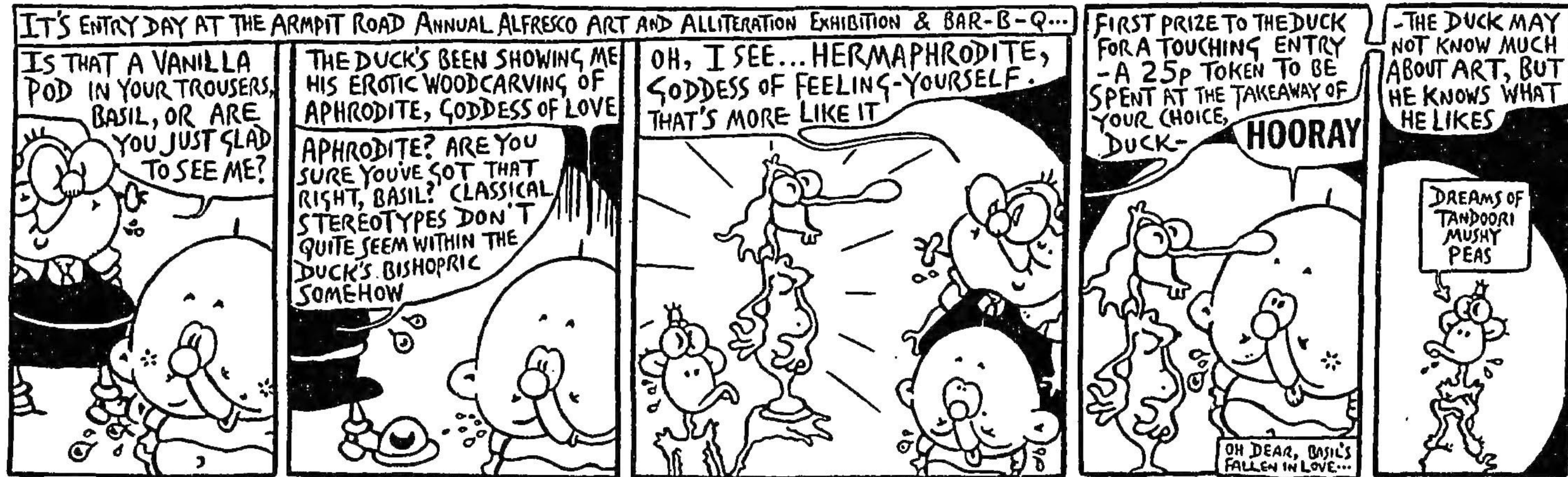
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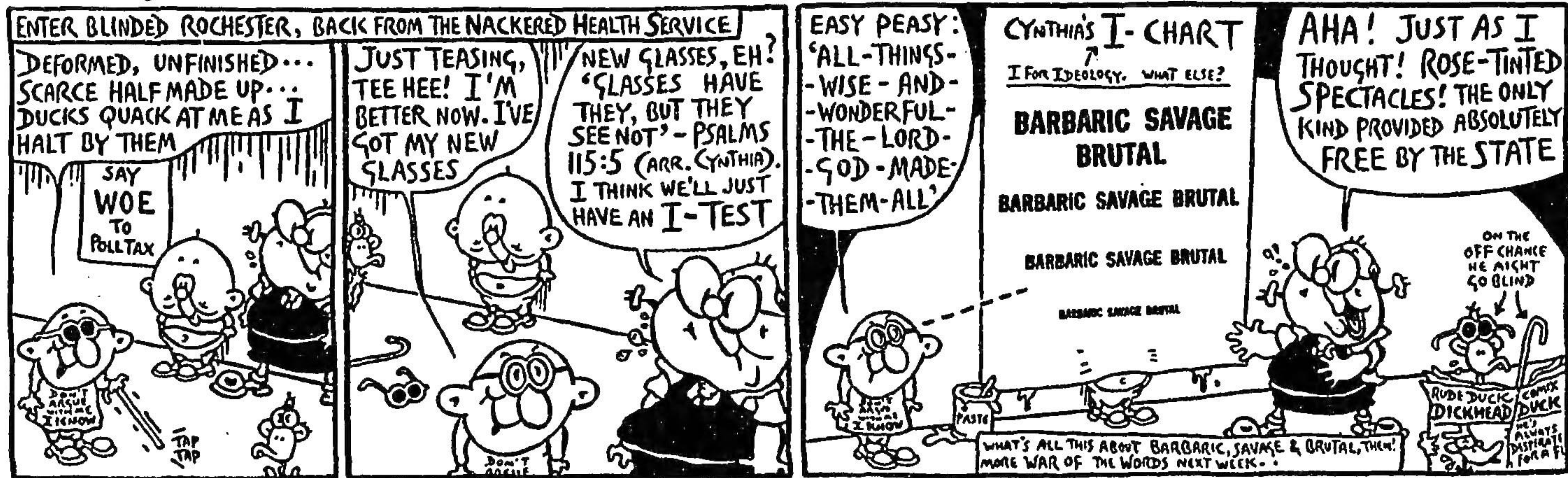
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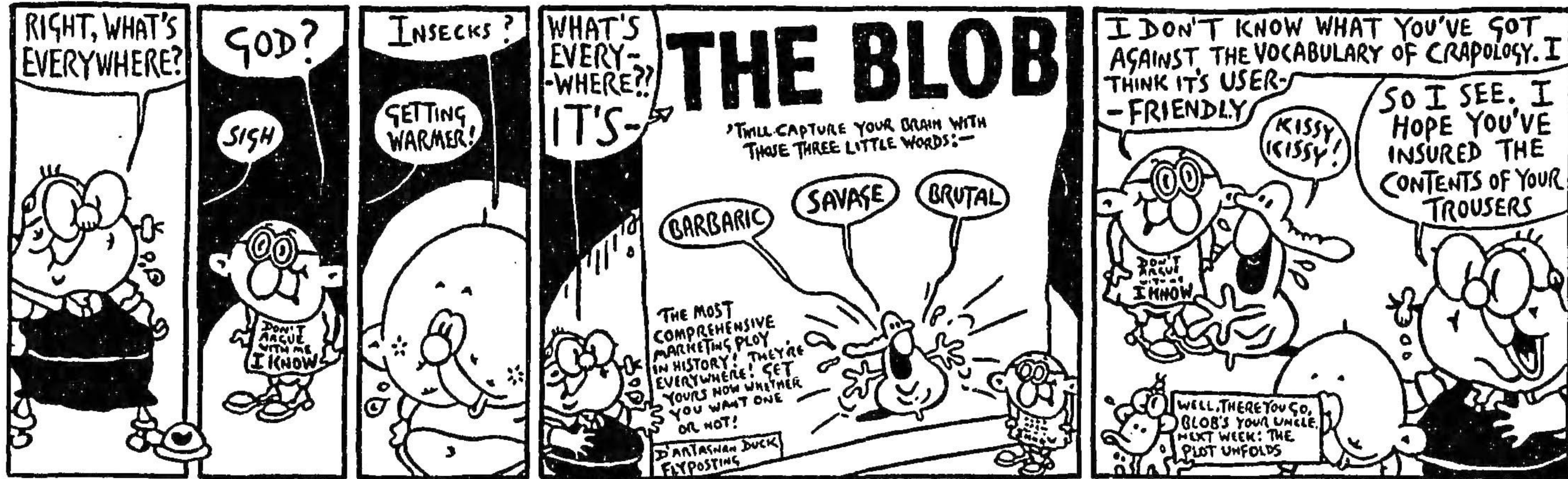
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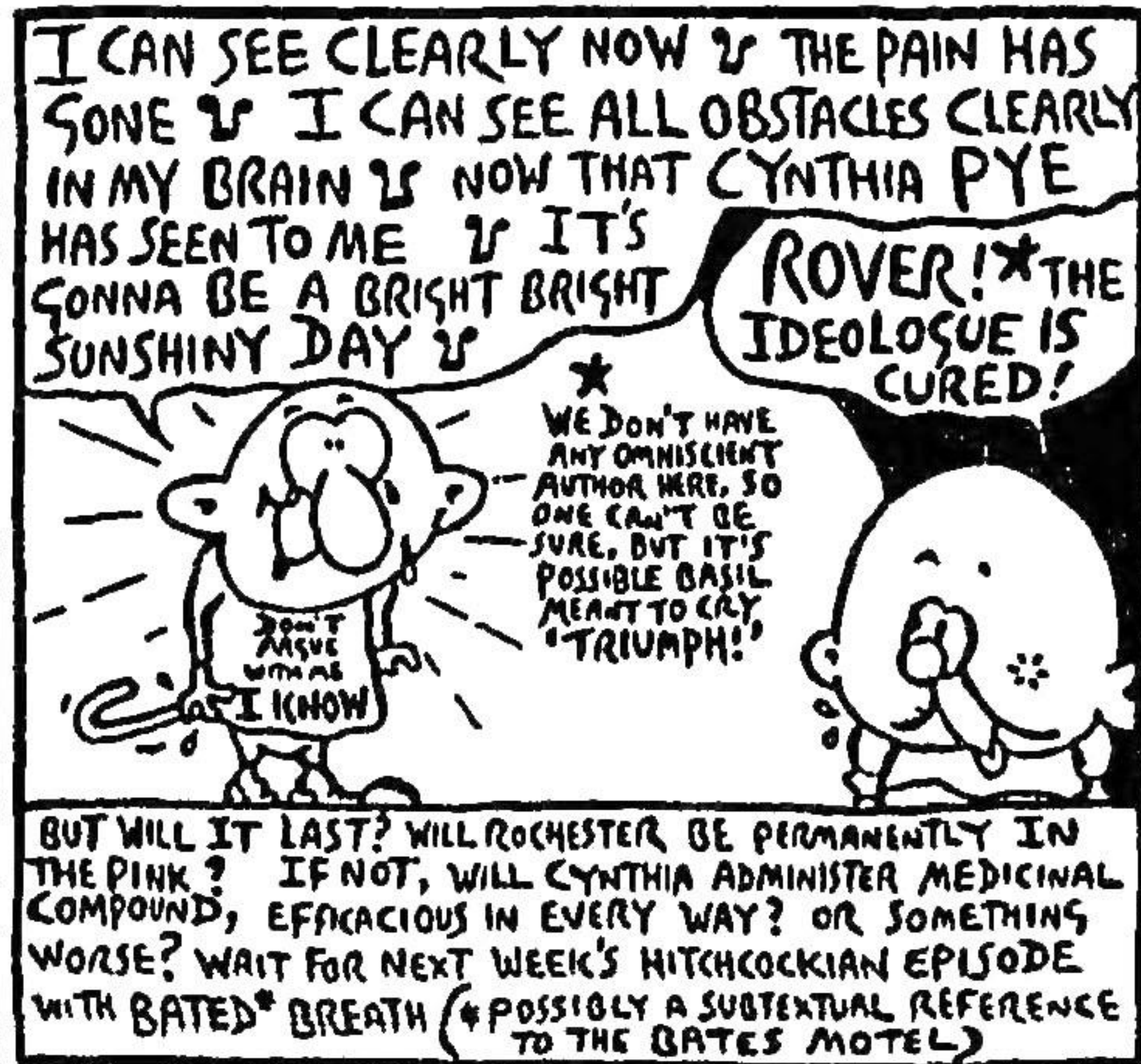
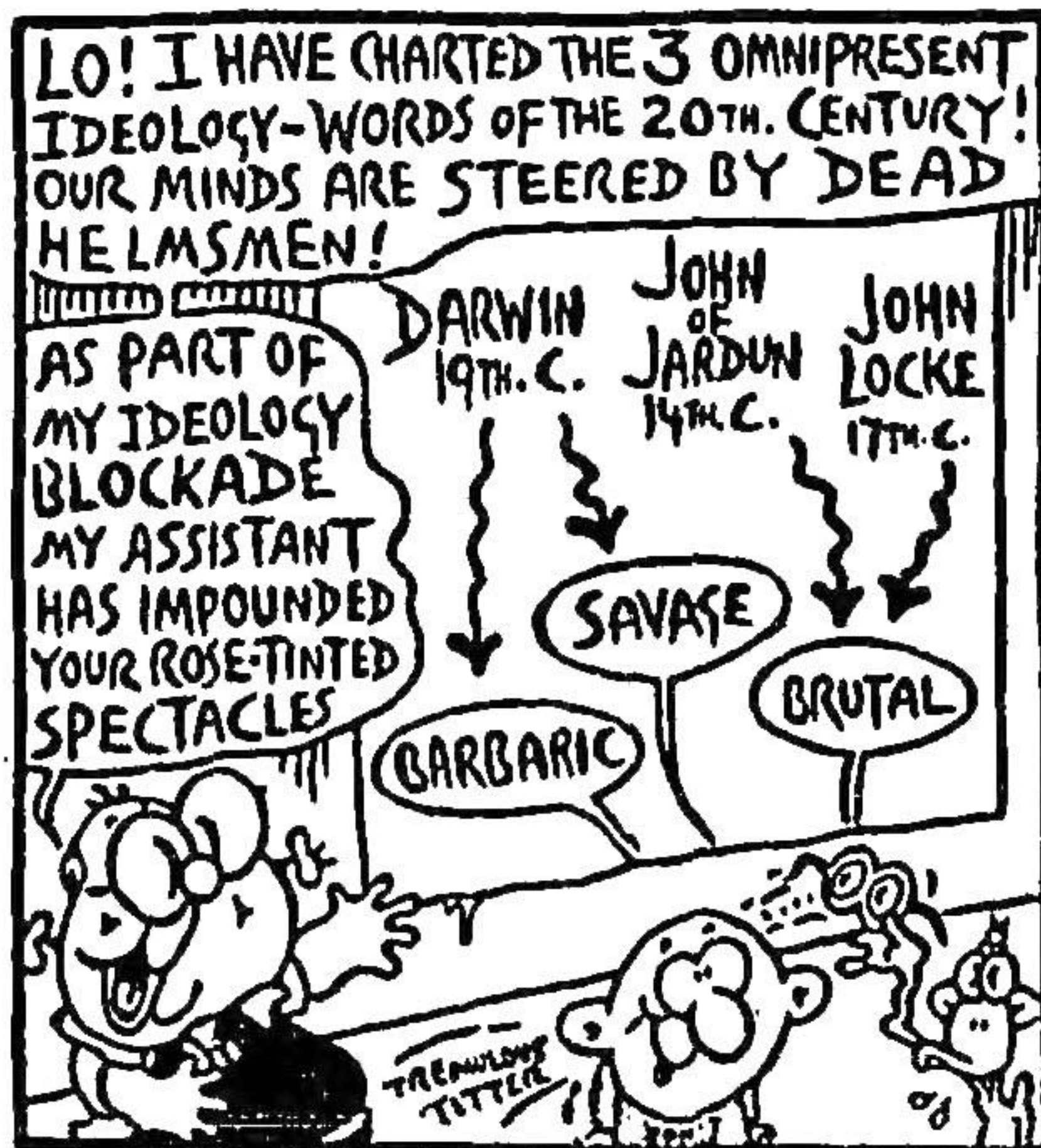


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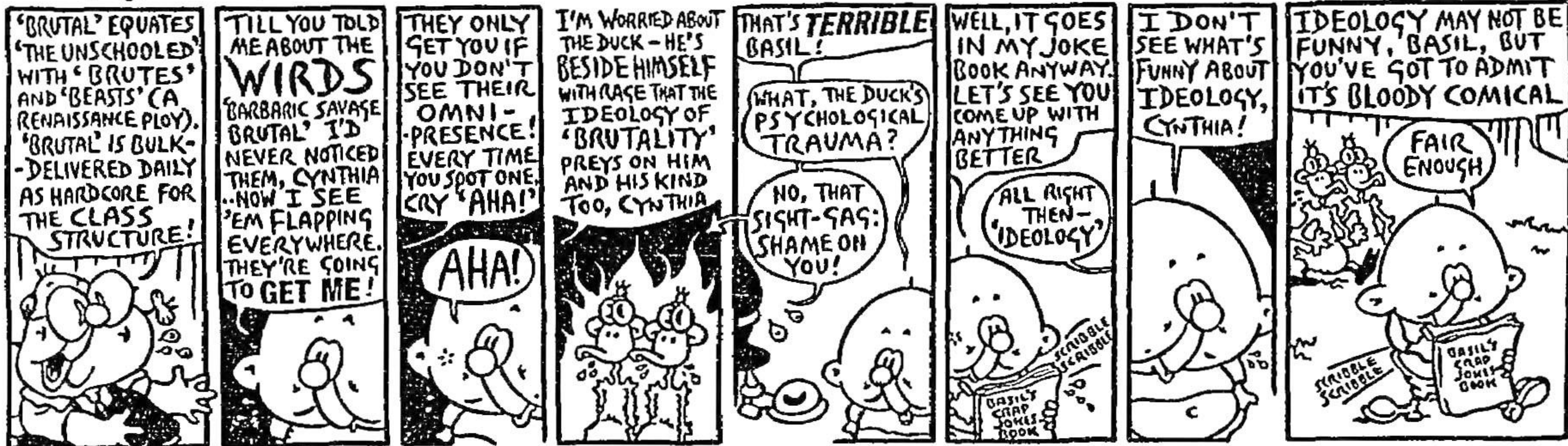
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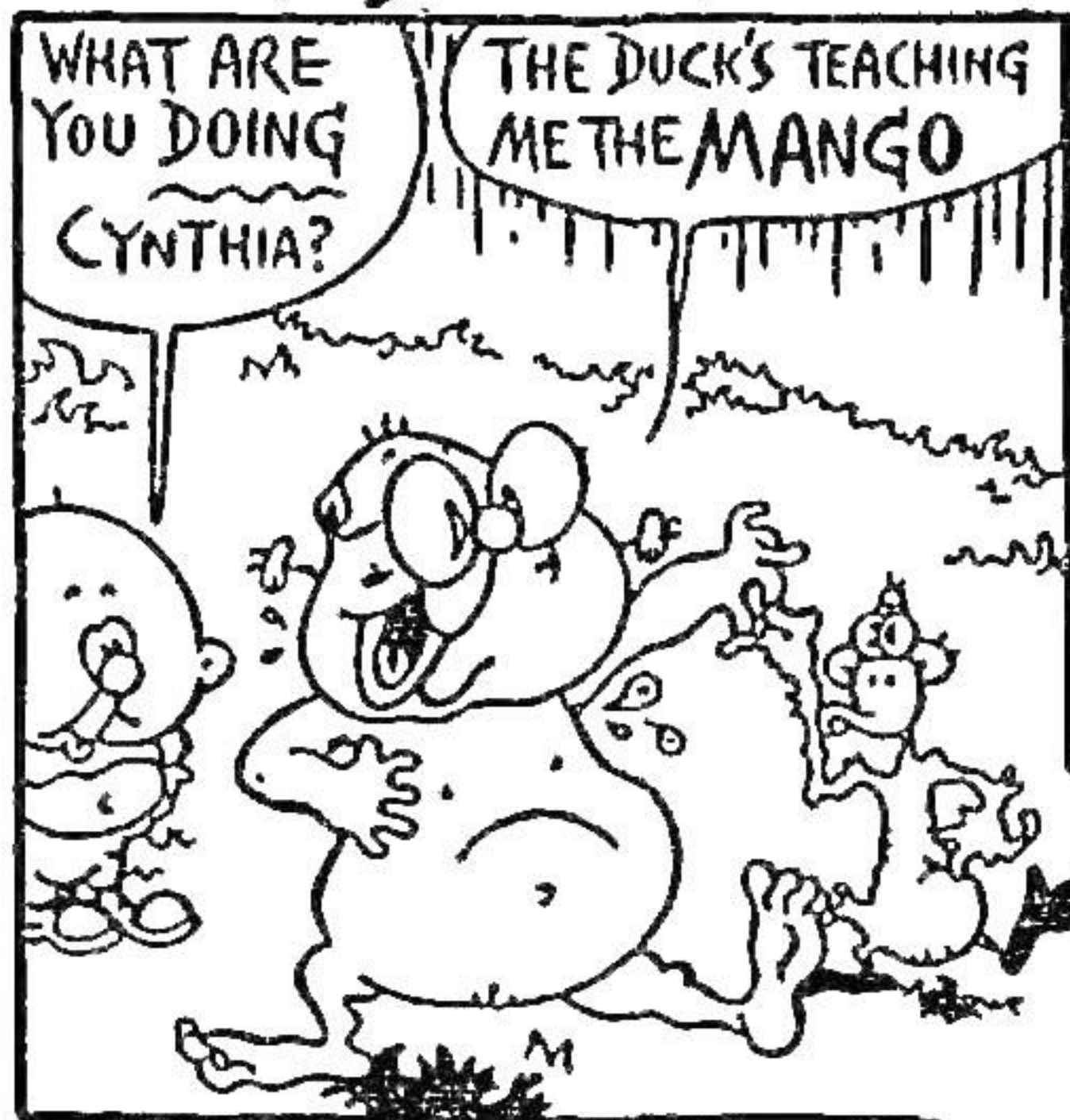


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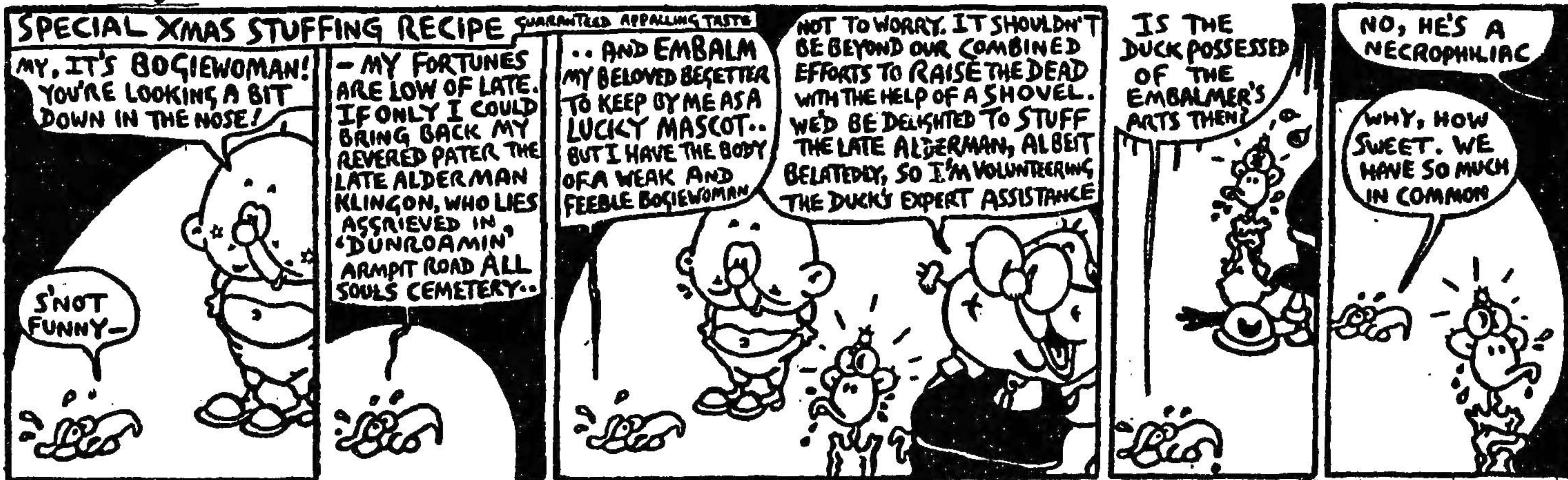
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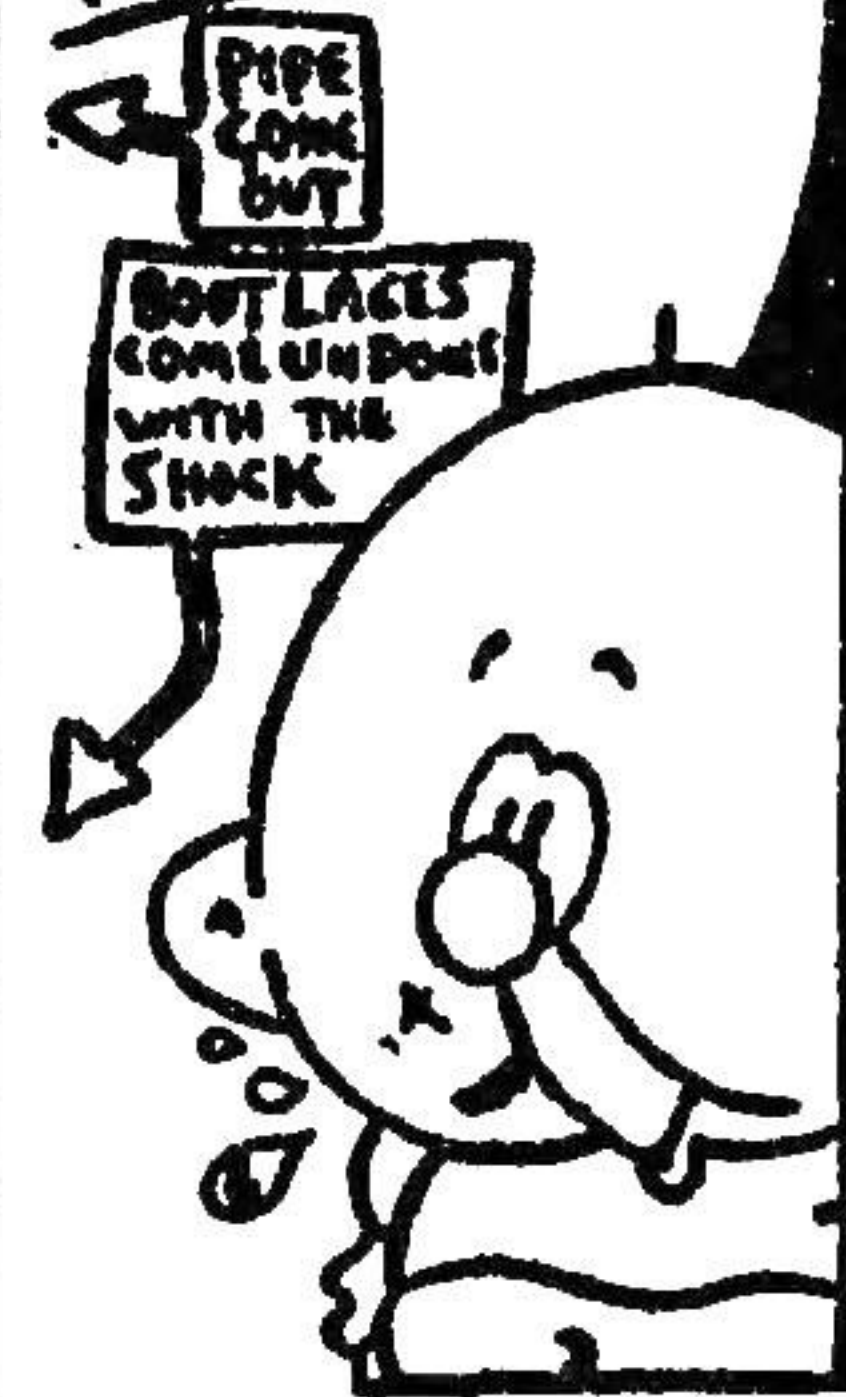


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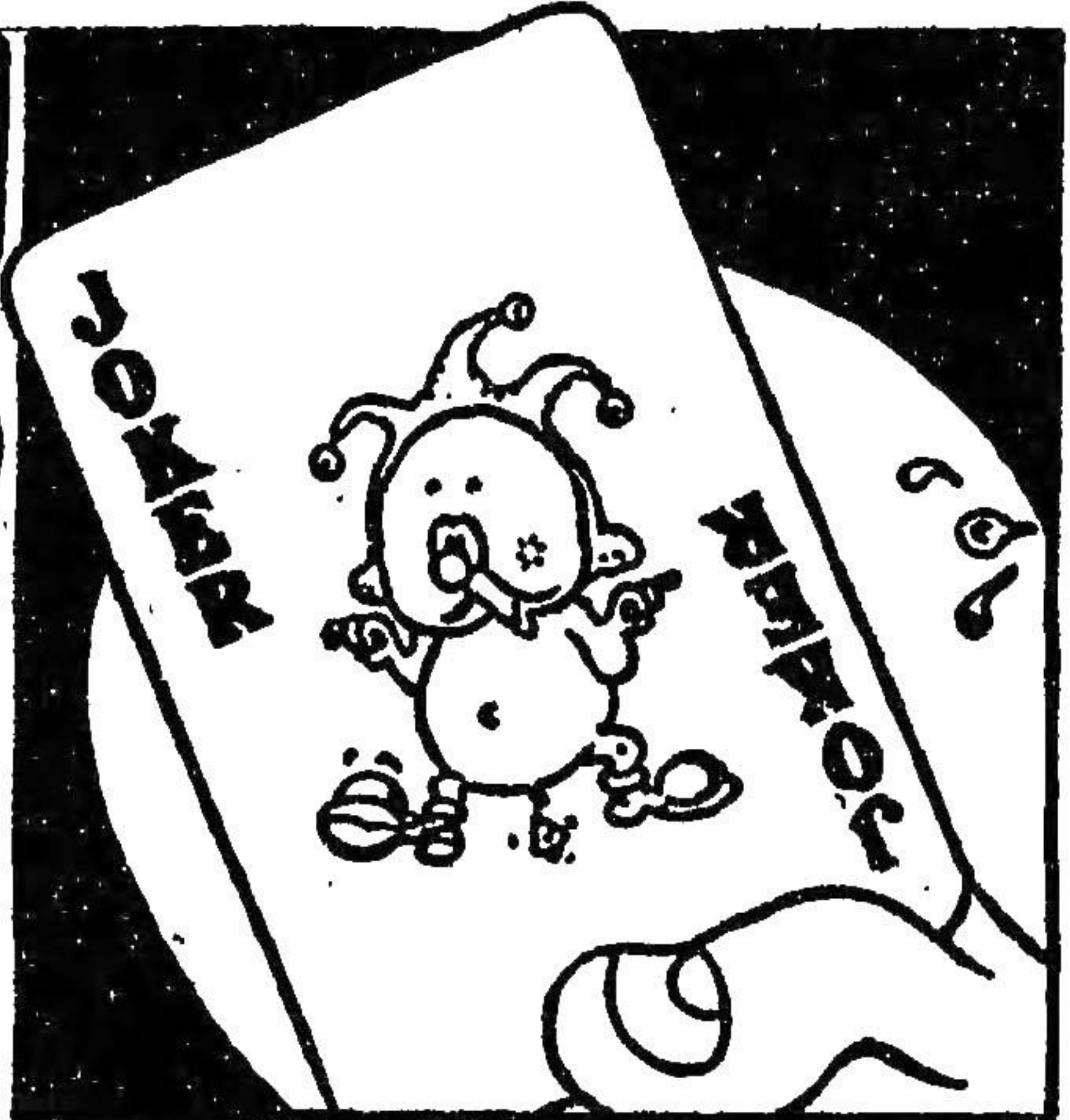
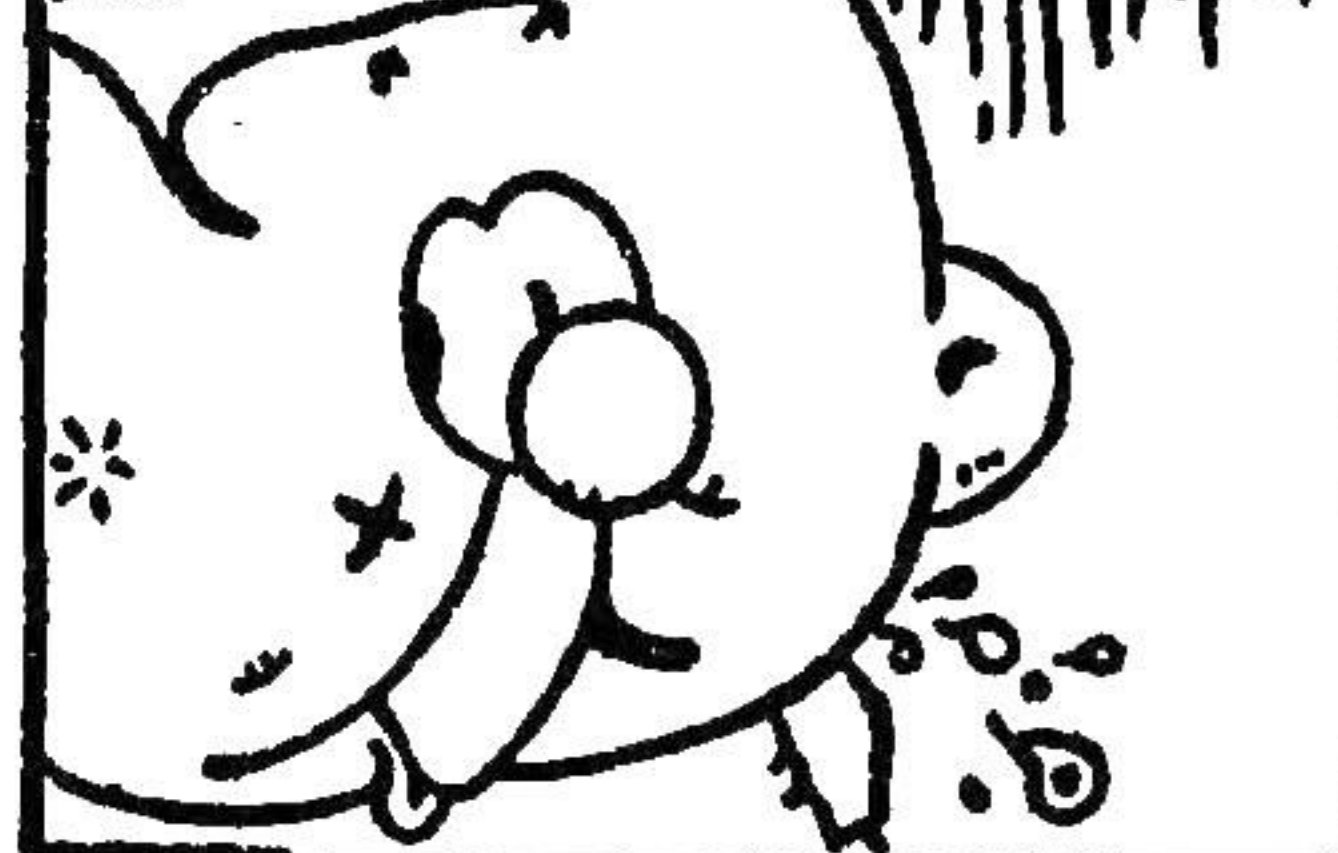


FLABBERGASTED
THUNDERSTRUCK



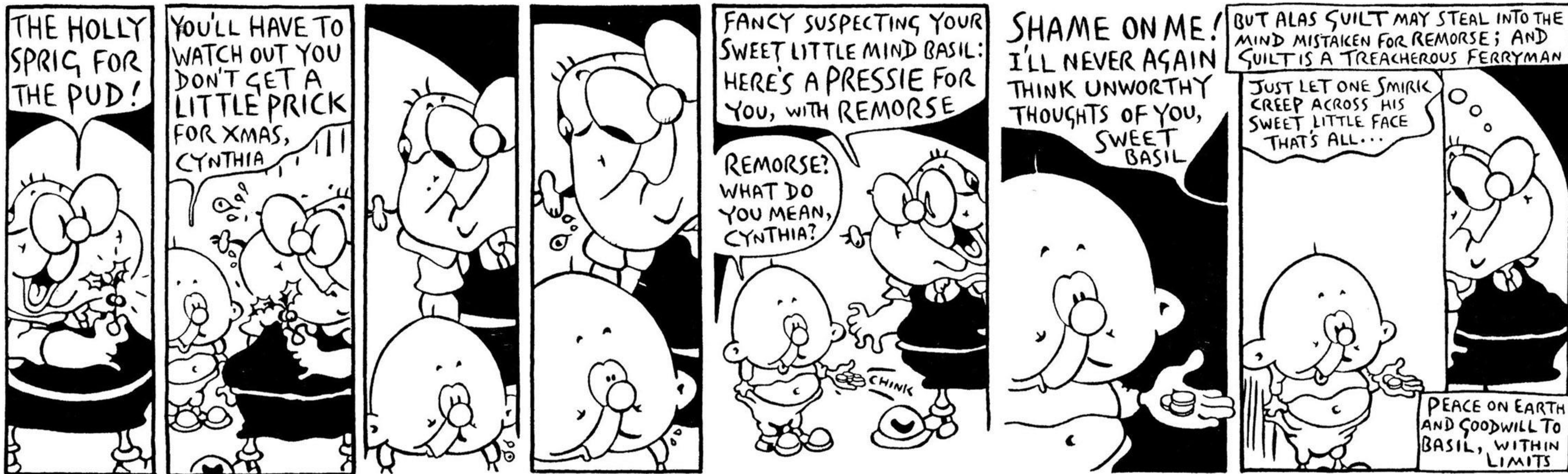
EXECUT GRANDAD & XMAS DINNER,
BLIGHTED ... BASIL STRIKES A
MORTAL BLOW AGAINST DICKENSIAN
STEREOTRIPE & COMMODITY FETISHISM

GRANDAD'S THE 27TH. PERSON
I'VE SCROOGED. I LOOK SO
WOEBEGONE, PEOPLE ALWAYS
BELIEVE ME. I'M A CARD,
AREN'T I?



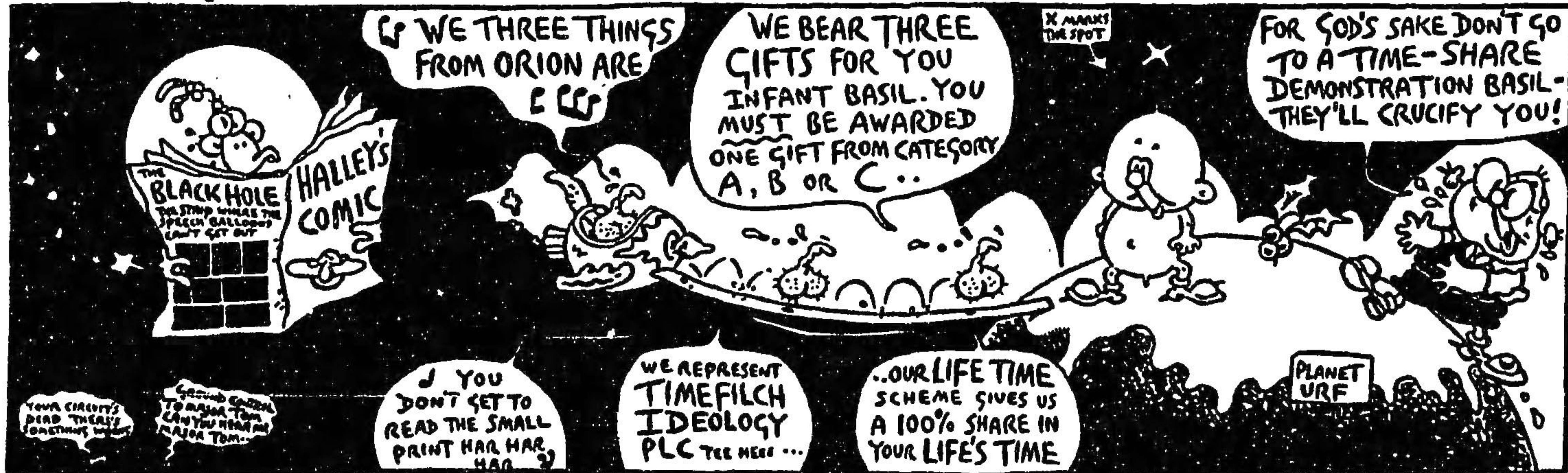
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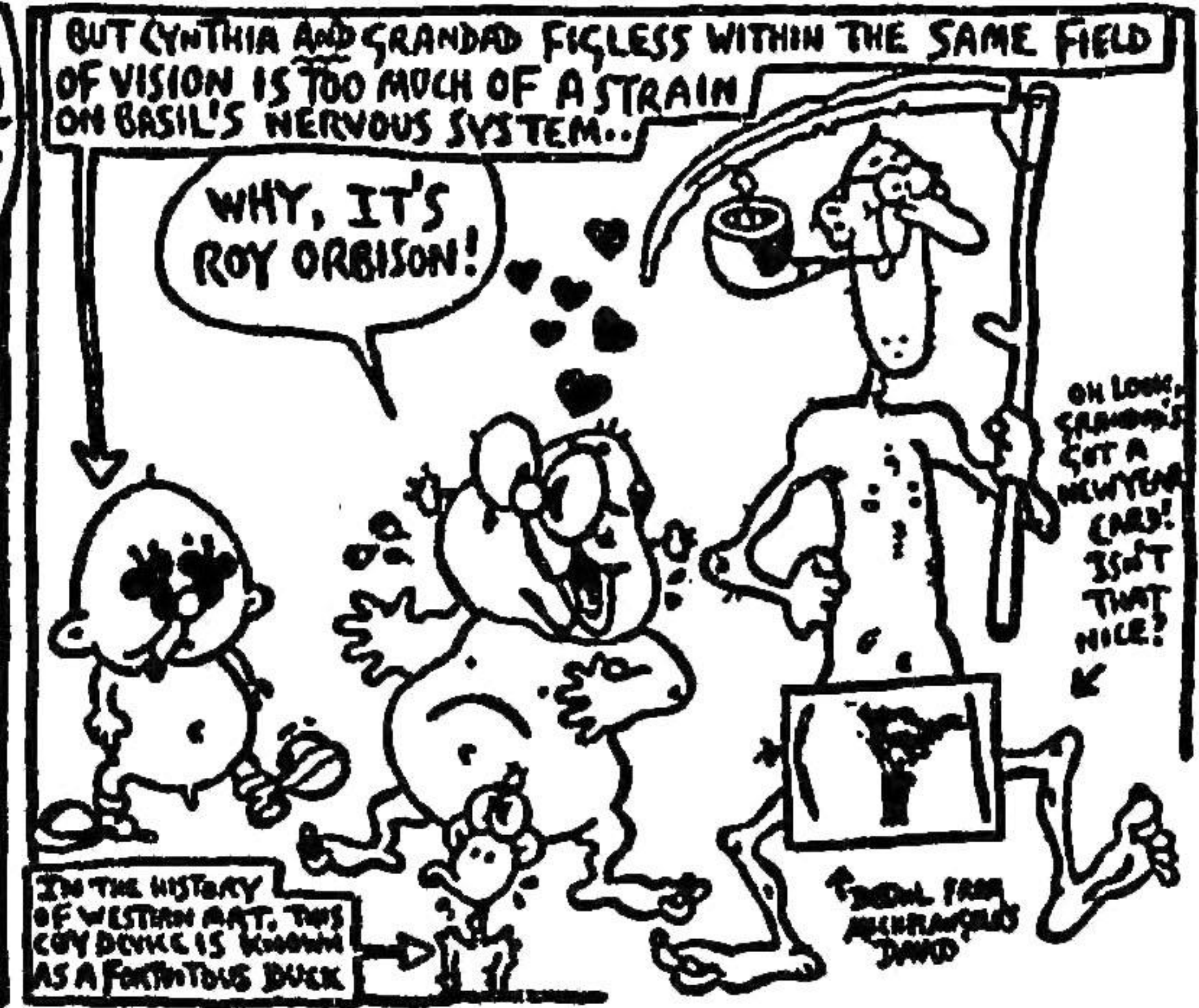
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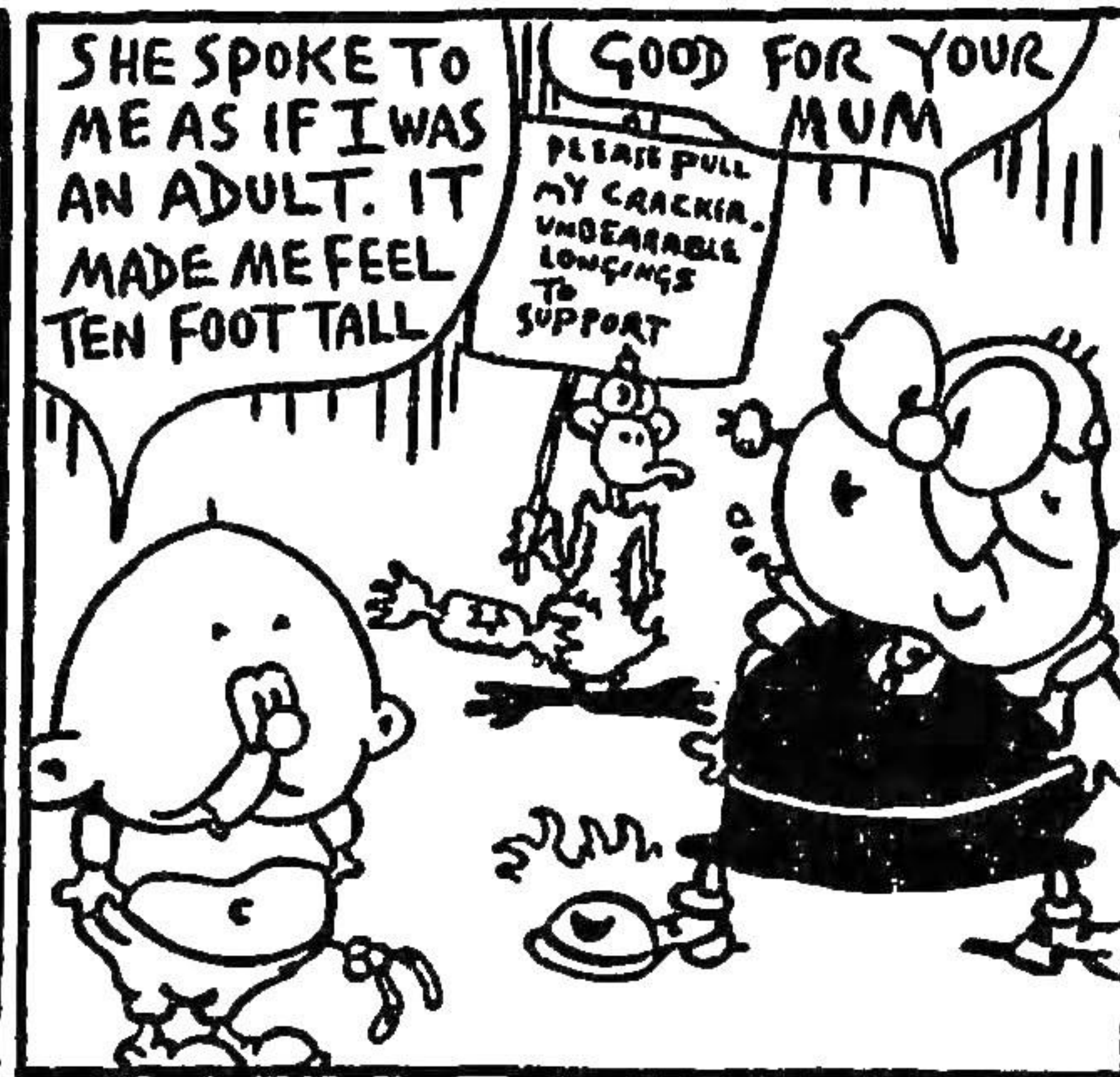
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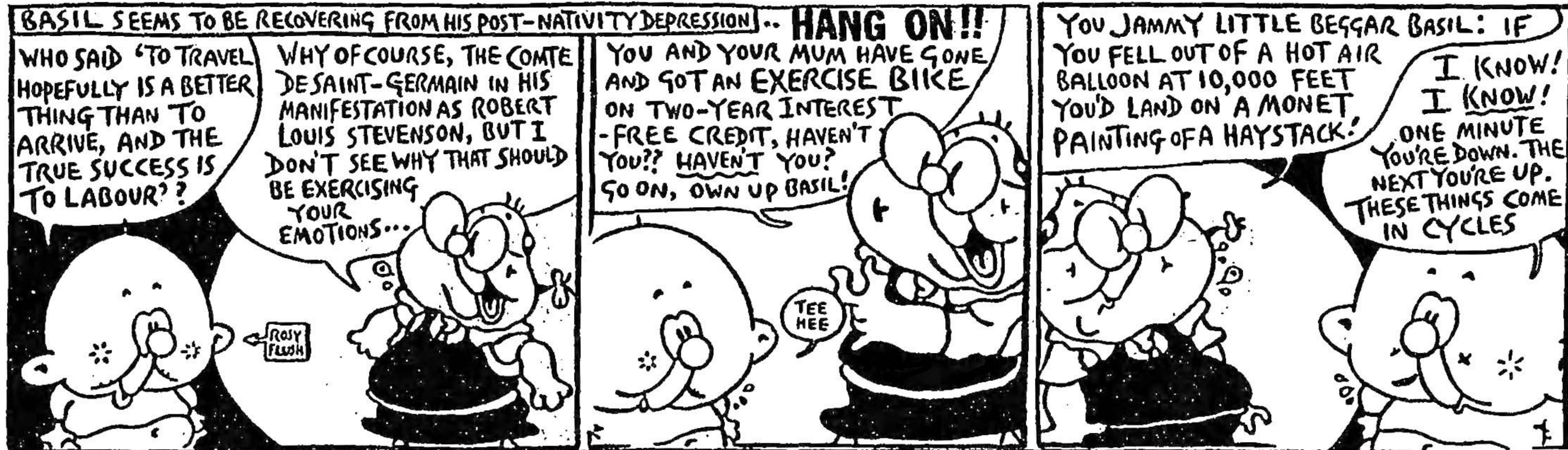
MORE NEXT WEEK - OR LESS, IF WE'RE SKINT

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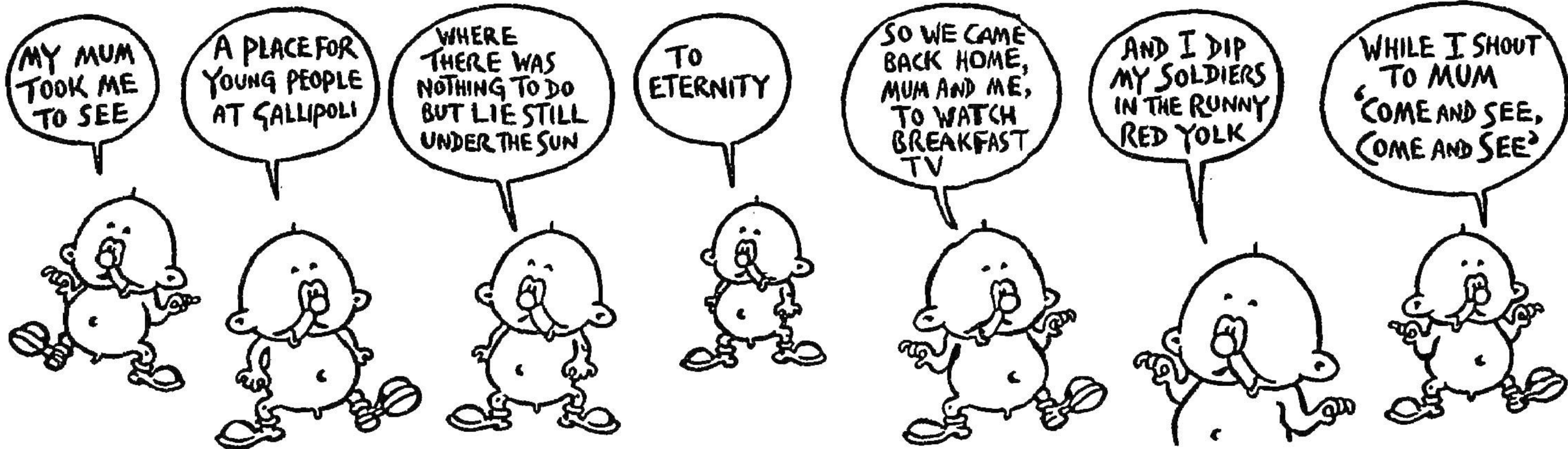


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WEEKEND GUARDIAN 23

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY JANUARY 19-20 1991

WEEKEND GUARDIAN 23

'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL!'

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OUT OF THE WATER EVERYBODY!

... IT'S THE
FIN DE
SIÈCLE!

... & HERE
COMES THE
AUBREY
GEARDILEY
HANDS...

DARTMOUTH DUCK CULTURAL FLYPOSTING



AND WHAT ROUGH BEAST, ITS HOUR
COME ROUND AT LAST/SLOUCHES TOWARD
THE THIRD MILLENNIUM? ... AS
POSTMODERNISM TRANSMUTES INTO
POST-INTELLECTUALISM, BASE METAL
INTO BASE METAL, I FEEL
NOTHING BUT DESPAIR, BASIL



DON'T DESPAIR
DEAR HEART -
THE DUCK
HAS PROVIDED
FOR EXACTLY
SUCH
CONTINGENCY..



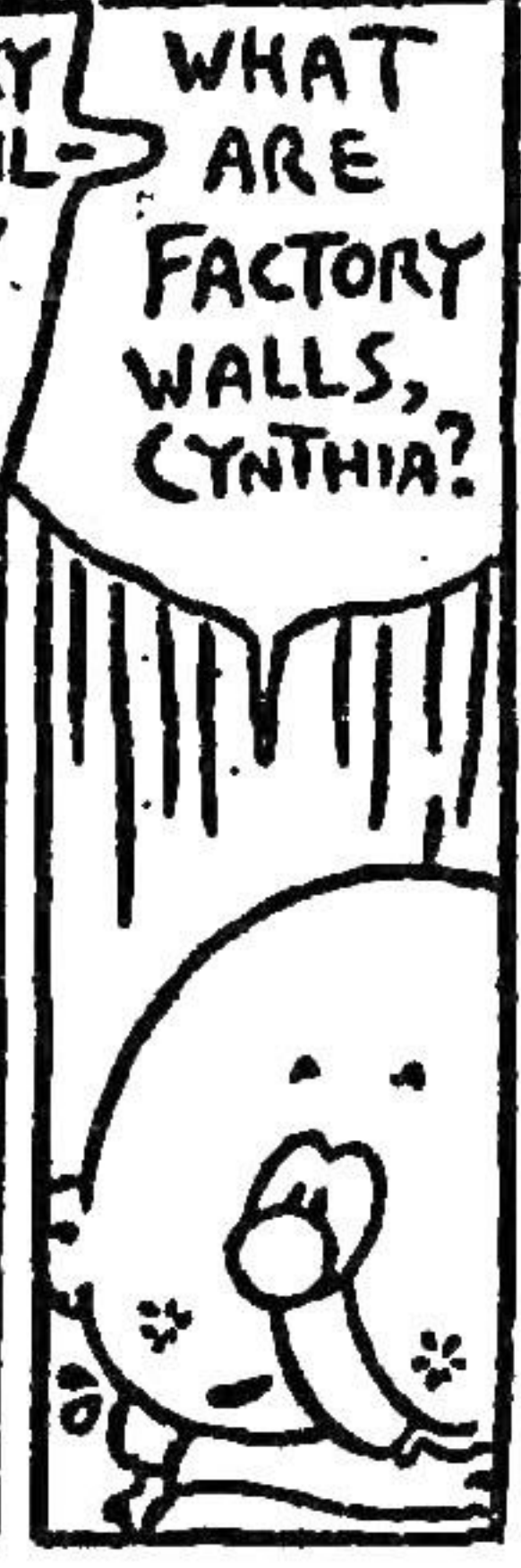
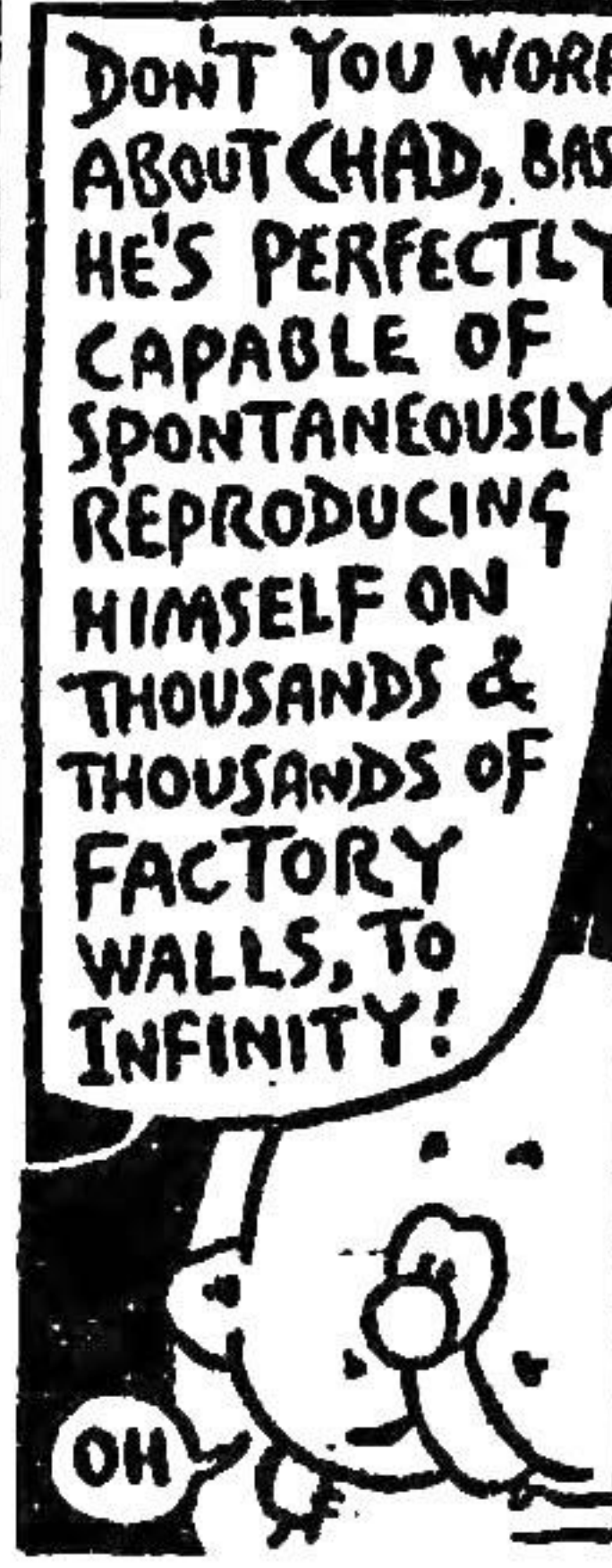
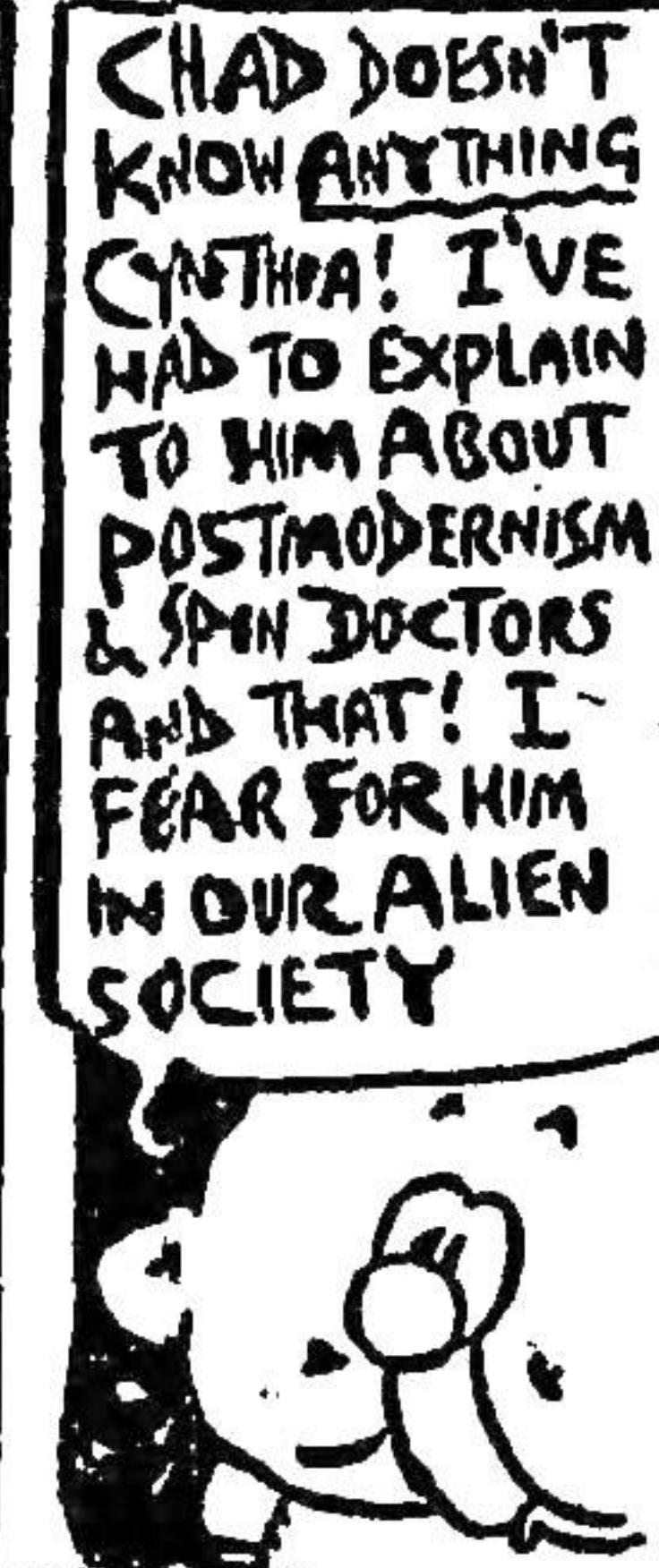
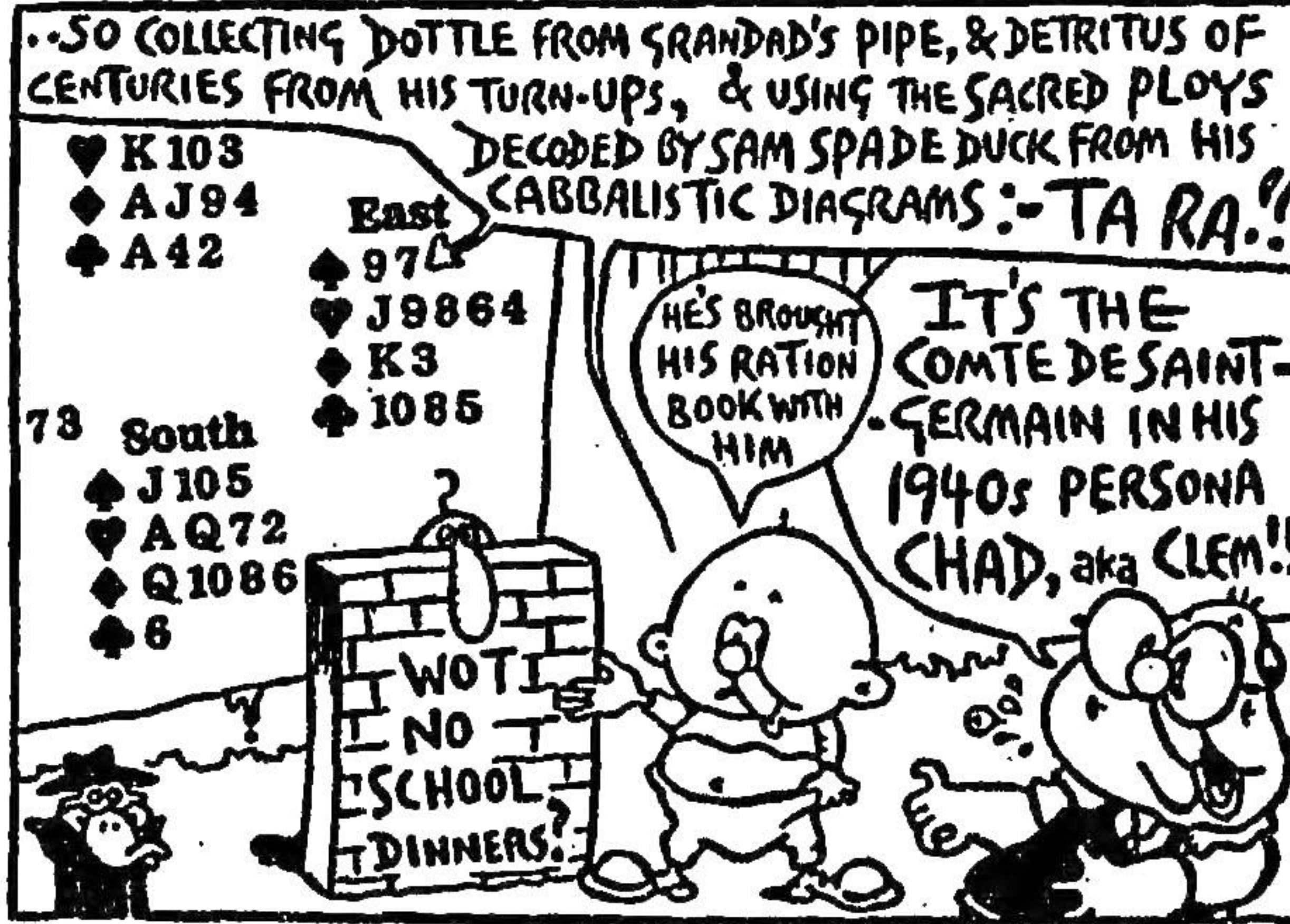
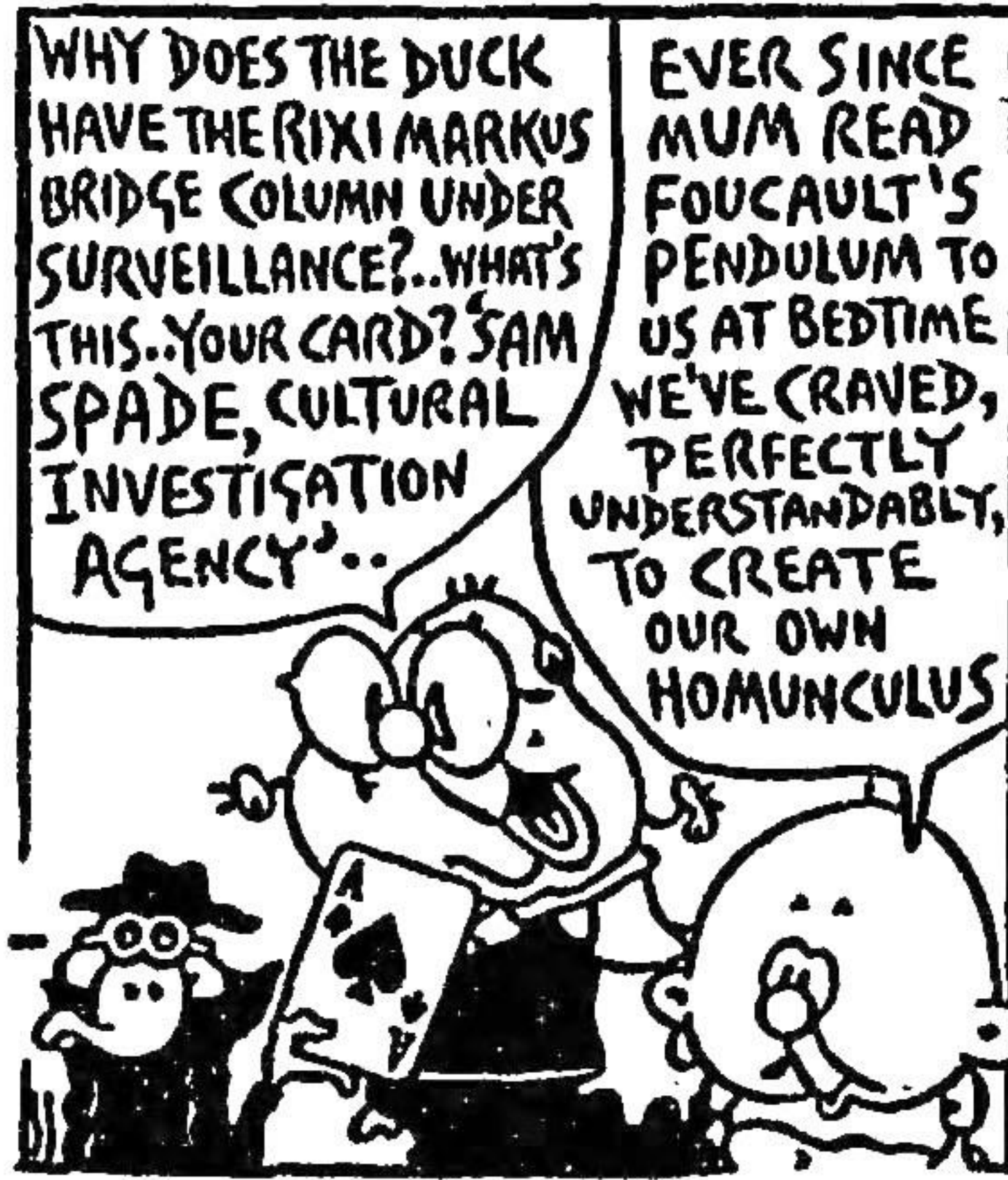
... HE'S PAINTED THE INSIDE OF HIS ANUS
WITH LUMINOUS PAINT

GLORY BE!
THERE IS LIGHT
AT THE END OF
THE TUNNEL!



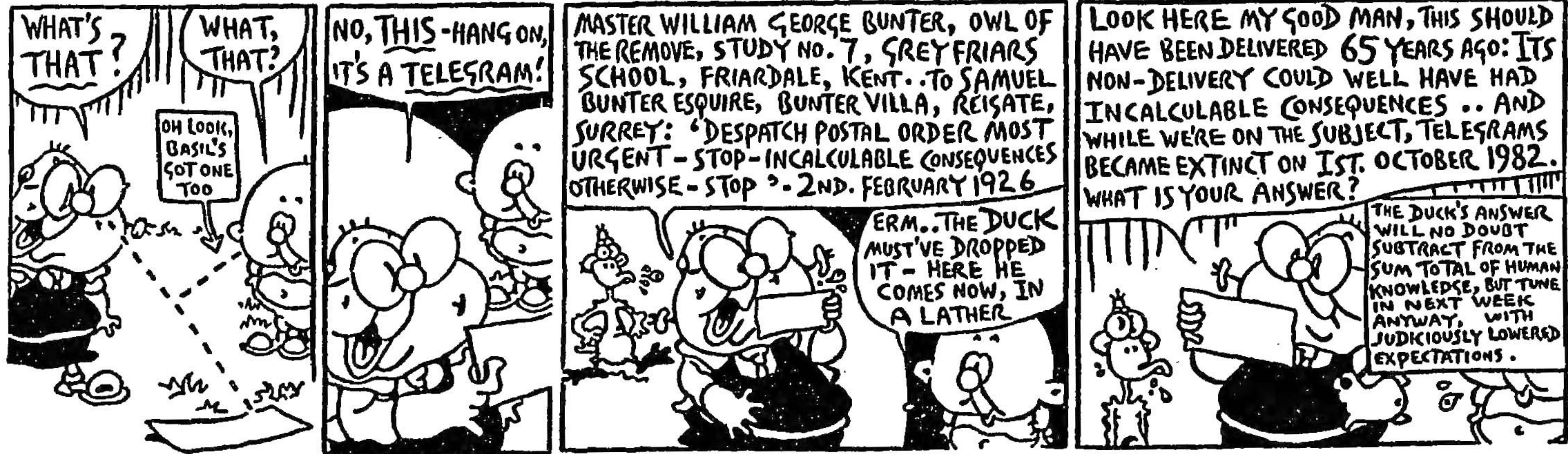
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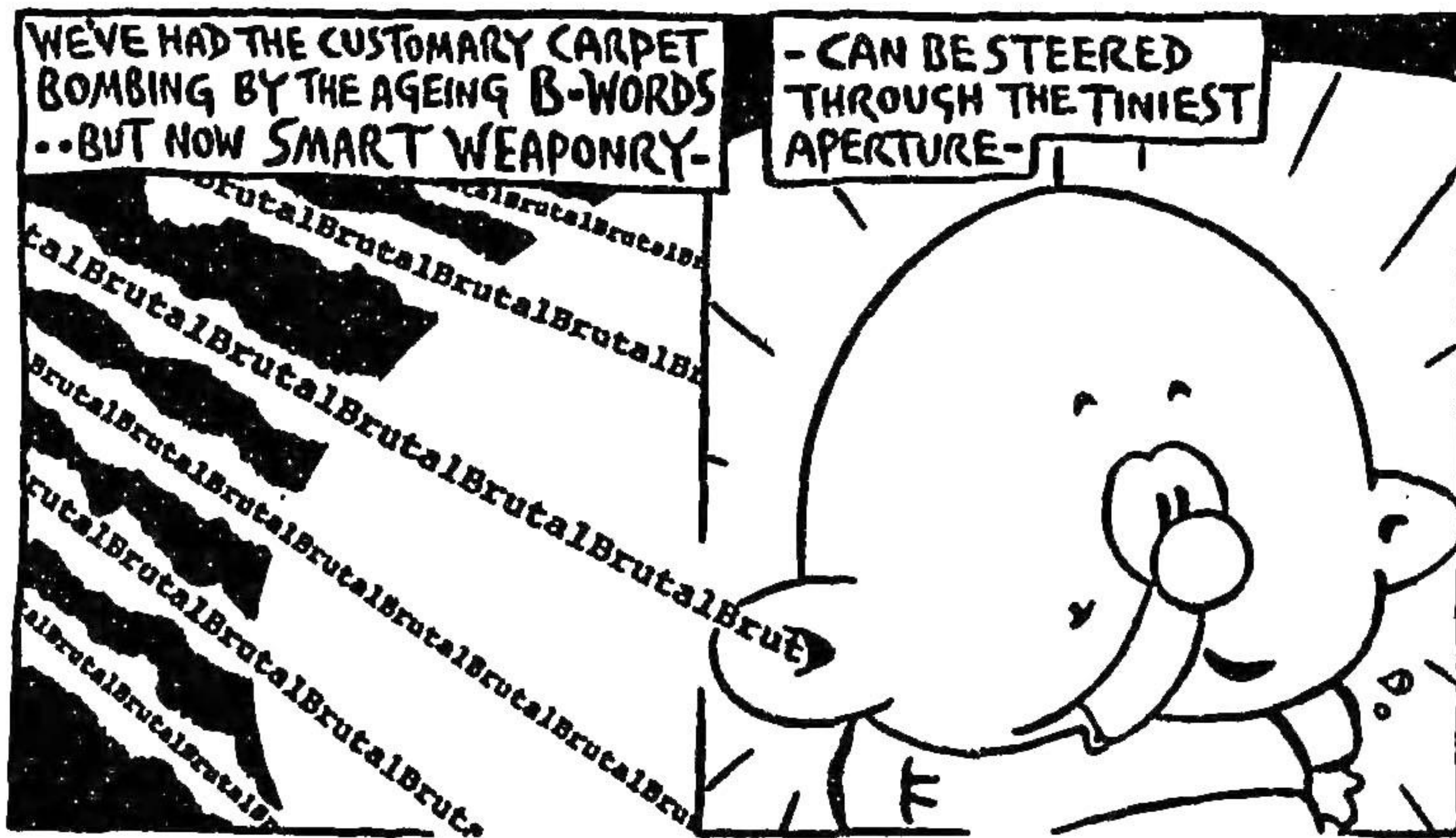


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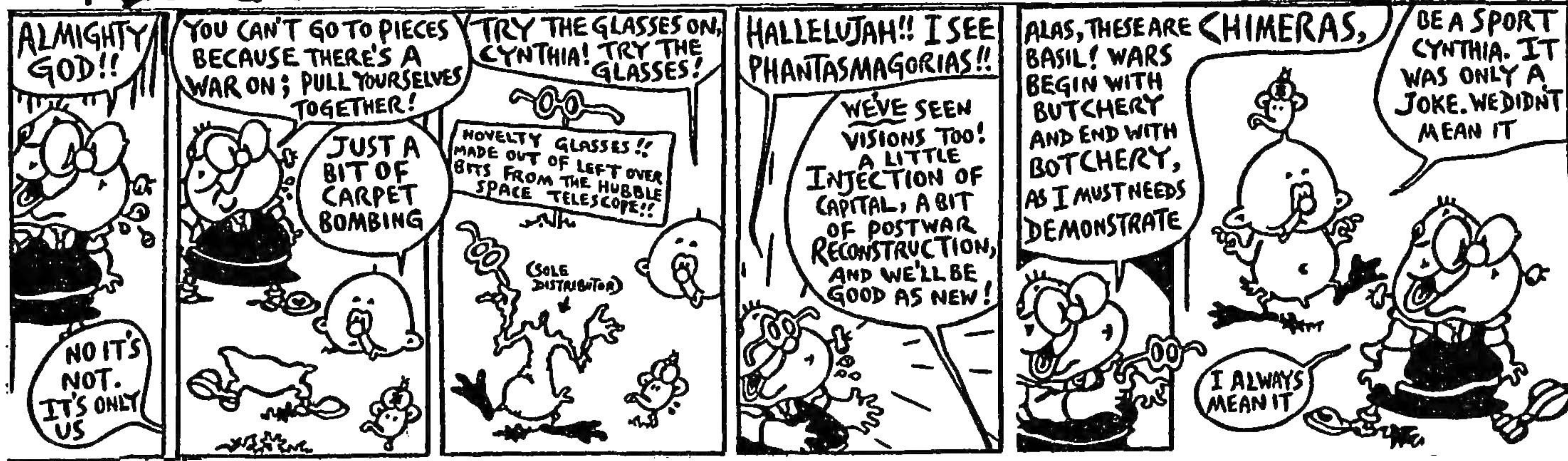


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SATURDAY-SUNDAY MARCH 2-3 1991

WEEKEND GUARDIAN 27

'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL!'

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IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES; & BASIL AND HIS MUM WERE HAVING THE DICKENS OF A TIME..



MUM AND ME ARE PAUPER INTELLIGENTSIA. WE CAN'T AFFORD REAL BANANAS



MUM GOT A WARTIME RECIPE FROM CHAD: 'BANANA SUBTERFUGE' - YOU MASH STEAMED PARSNIPS THEN ADD BANANA ESSENCE. BANANAS ARE 49p A POUND & PARSNIPS 30p, SO MUM AND ME SAVED 19p. A TRIUMPH OF MIND OVER PARSNIPS



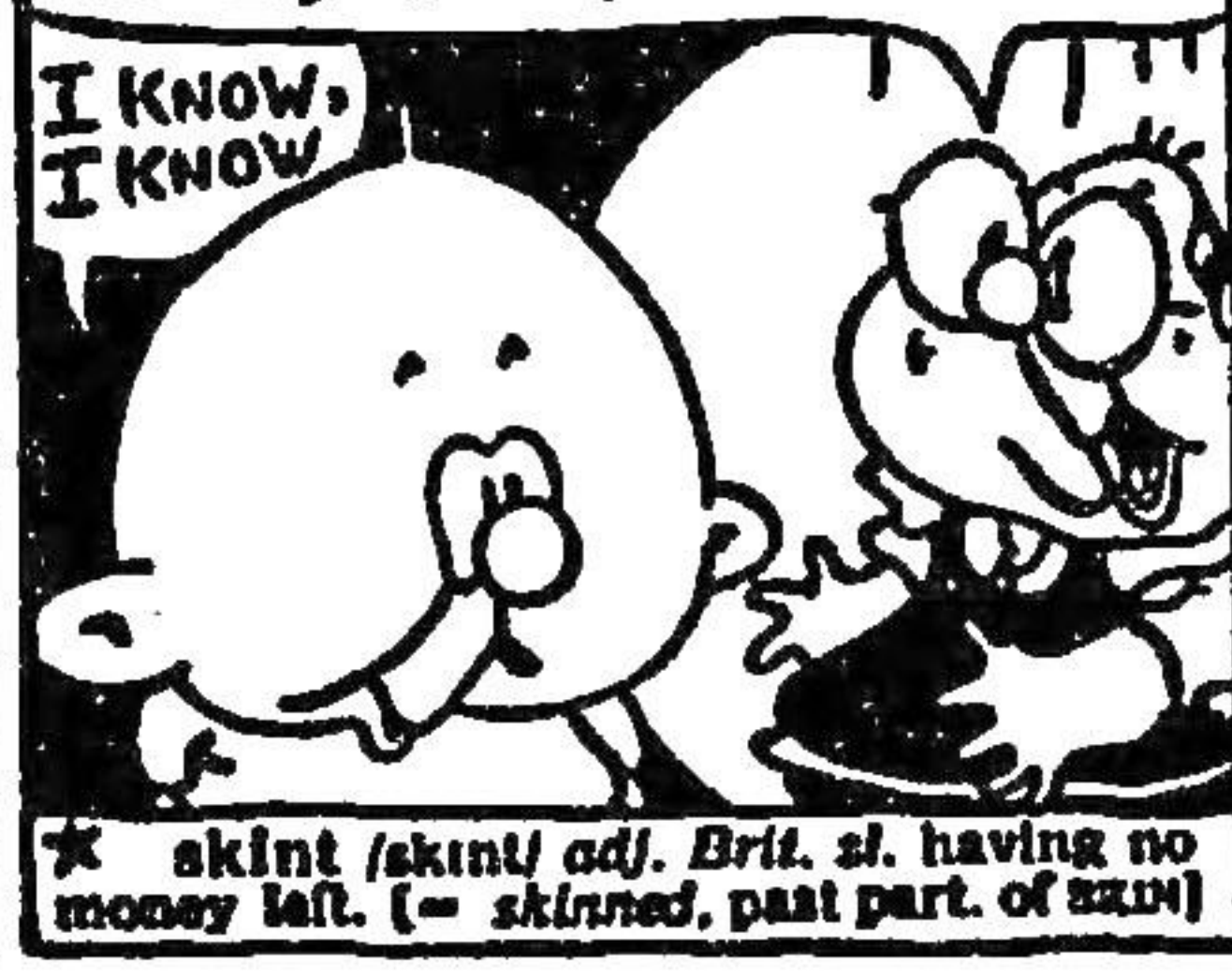
OF COURSE YOU'VE TO SUBTRACT THE COST OF THE GAS USED TO STEAM THE PARSNIPS -



- AND THERE'S THE COST OF THE 1 1/2 TEASPOONS OF BANANA ESSENCE, AND THE TWO BLOBS OF ECOVER TO WASH UP THE STEAMER...



I'D LIKE TO FIND SOMETHING TO SAY TO SOFTEN THE REALITY OF YOUR CONDITION*, BASIL, BUT FINE WORDS BUTTER NO PARSNIPS: THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL DRIVE YOU BANANAS



* skint /skint/ adj. Brit. sl. having no money left. (= skinned, past part. of skin)

'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL !'

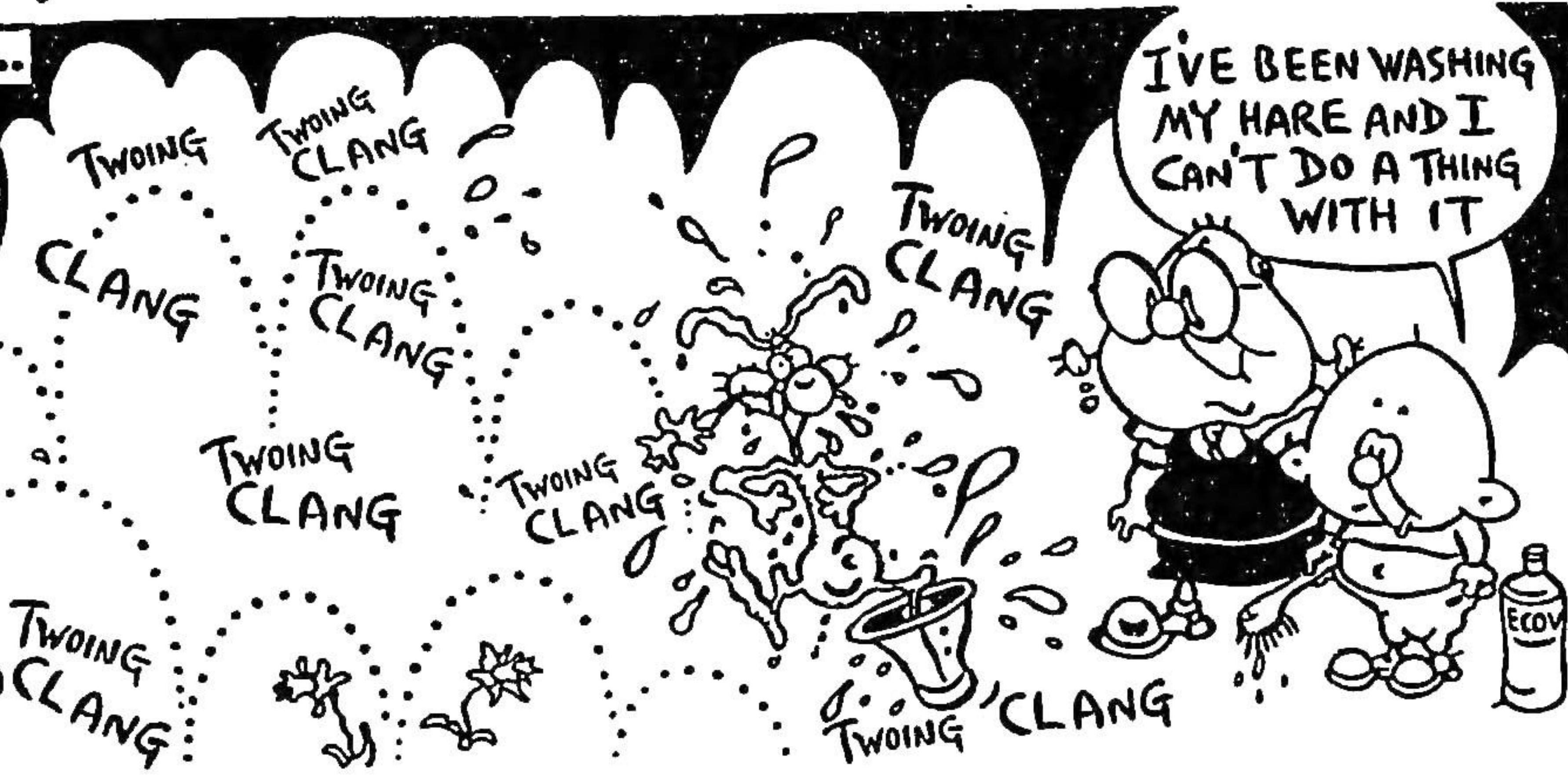
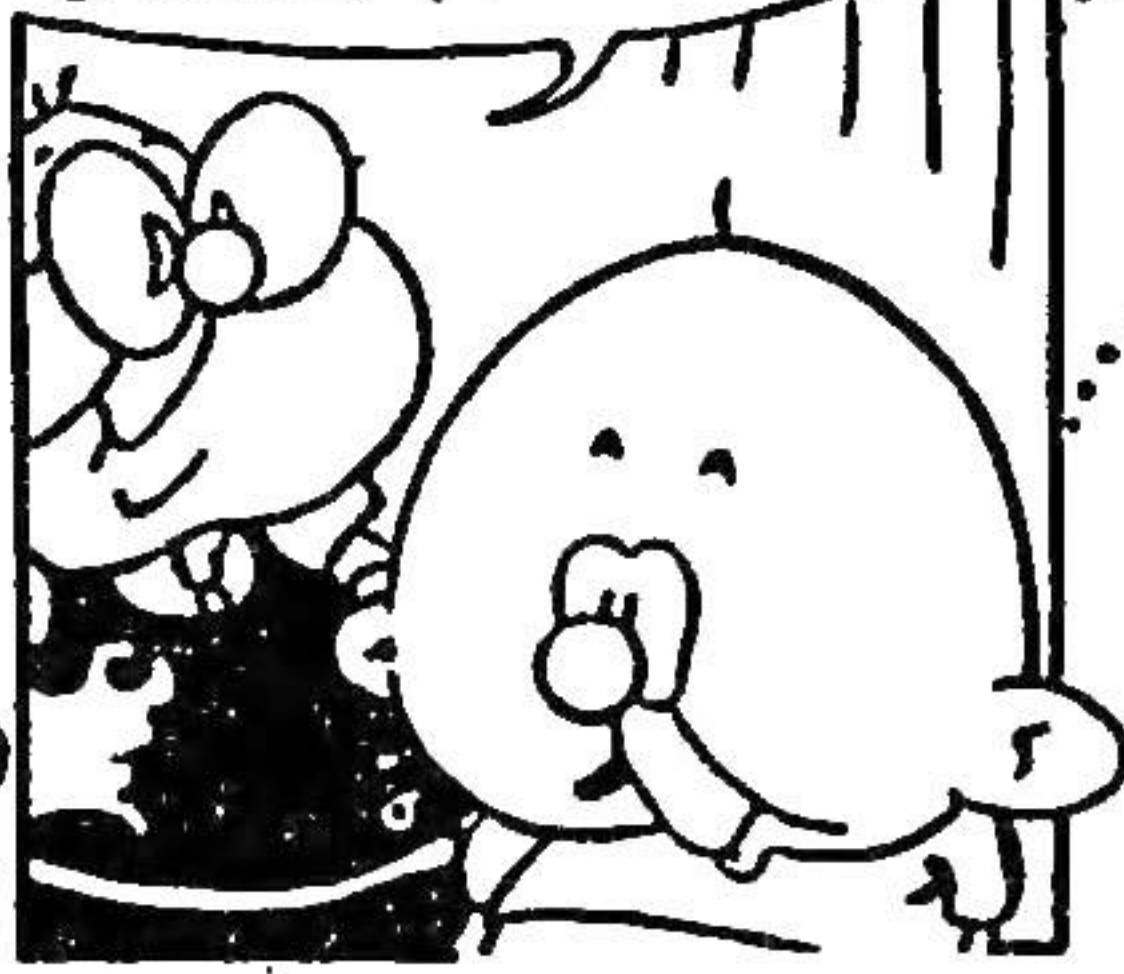
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SPECIAL ESCAPIST IDES OF MARCH ISSUE..

WHY, IS THAT
YOU BASIL?

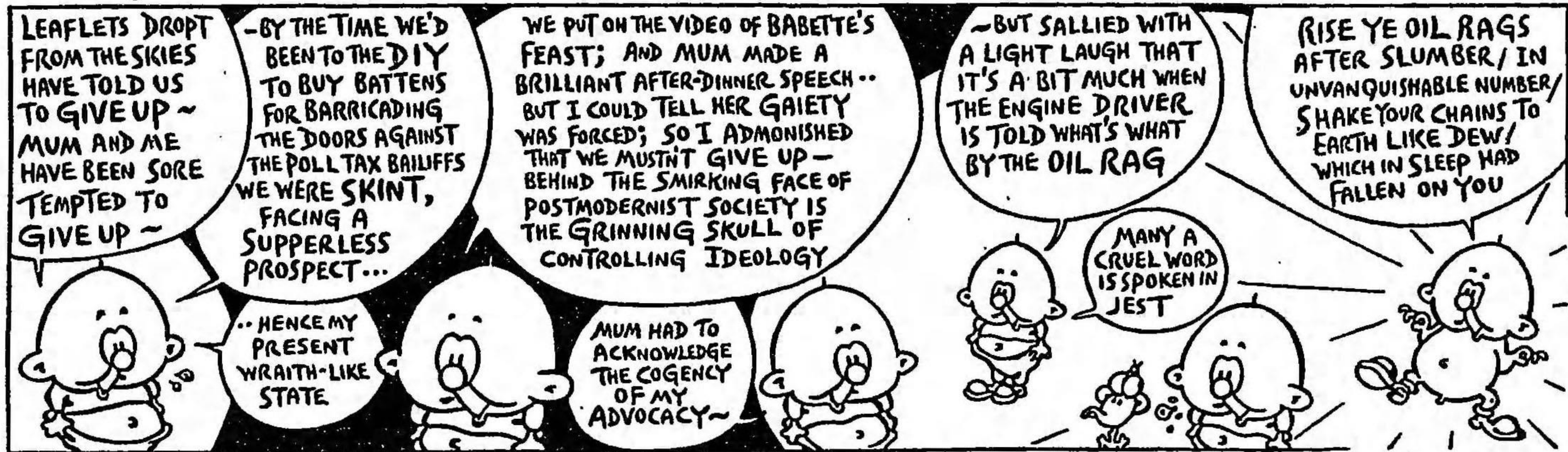
NO, IT'S
JUST A
TRICK OF
THE LIGHT

WELL, I COULD'VE
SWORN IT WAS
REALLY YOU. STILL...
WHAT AILS YOU,
SWEET PHANTOM?



'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL!'

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY MARCH 23-24 1991

WEEKEND GUARDIAN 31

'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL!'

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY MARCH 30-31 1991

WEEKEND GUARDIAN 29

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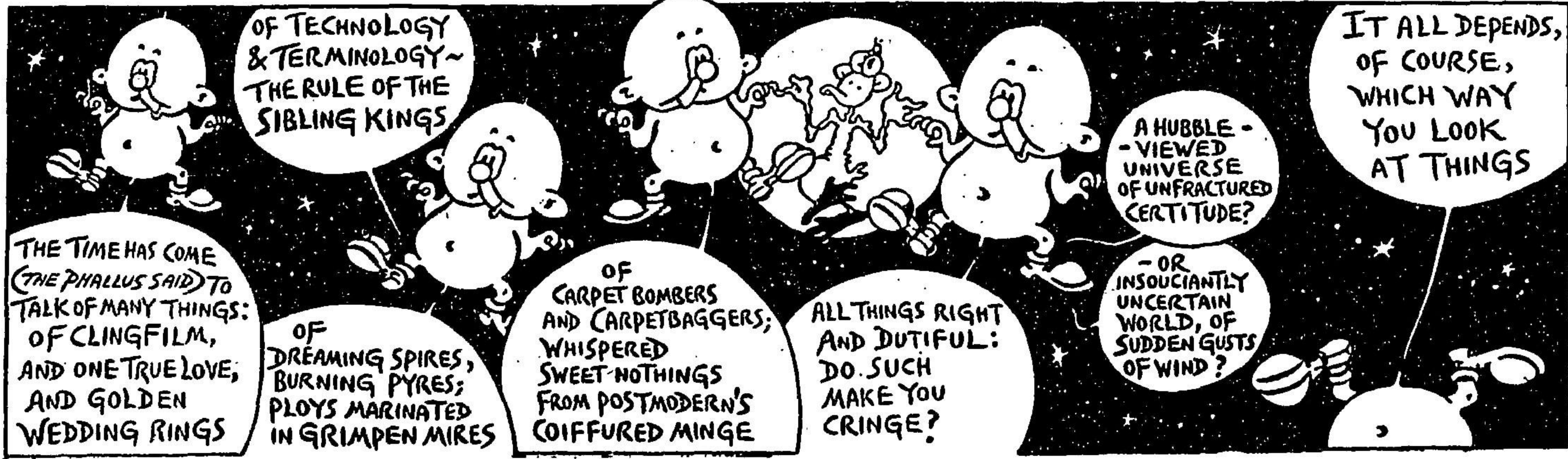
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY APRIL 20-21 1991

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY APRIL 27-28 1991

WEEKEND GUARDIAN 27

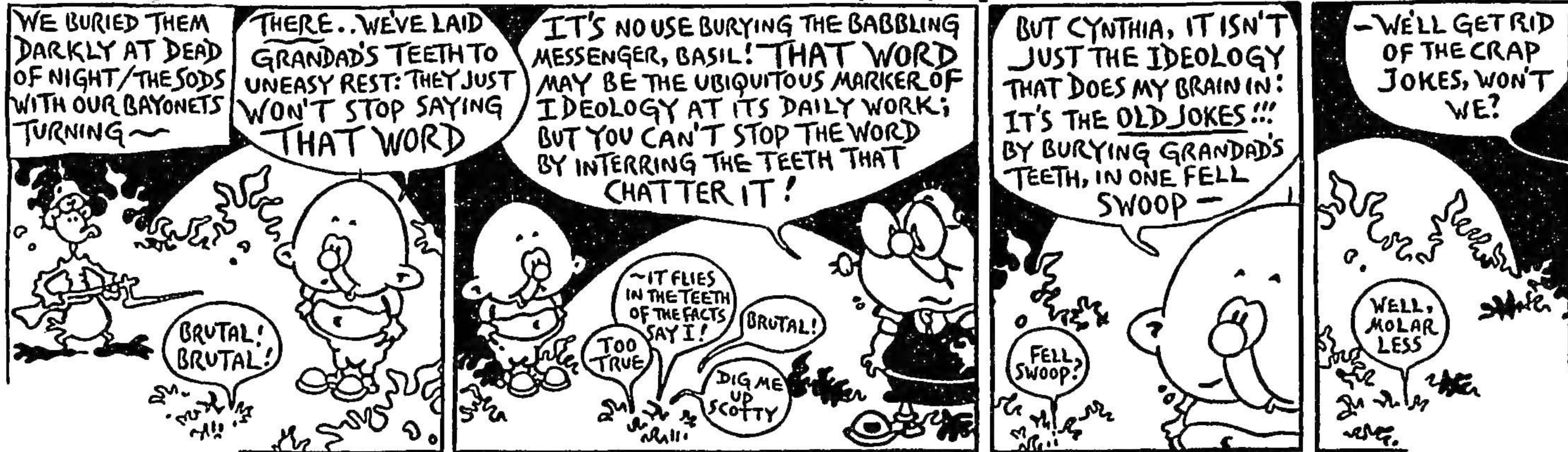
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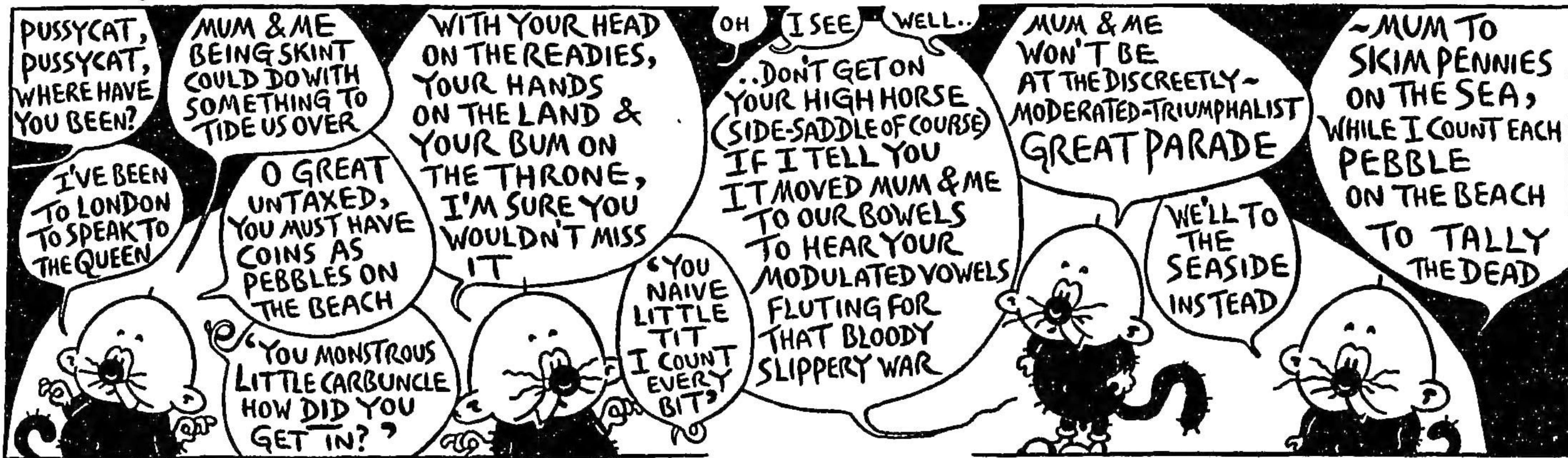
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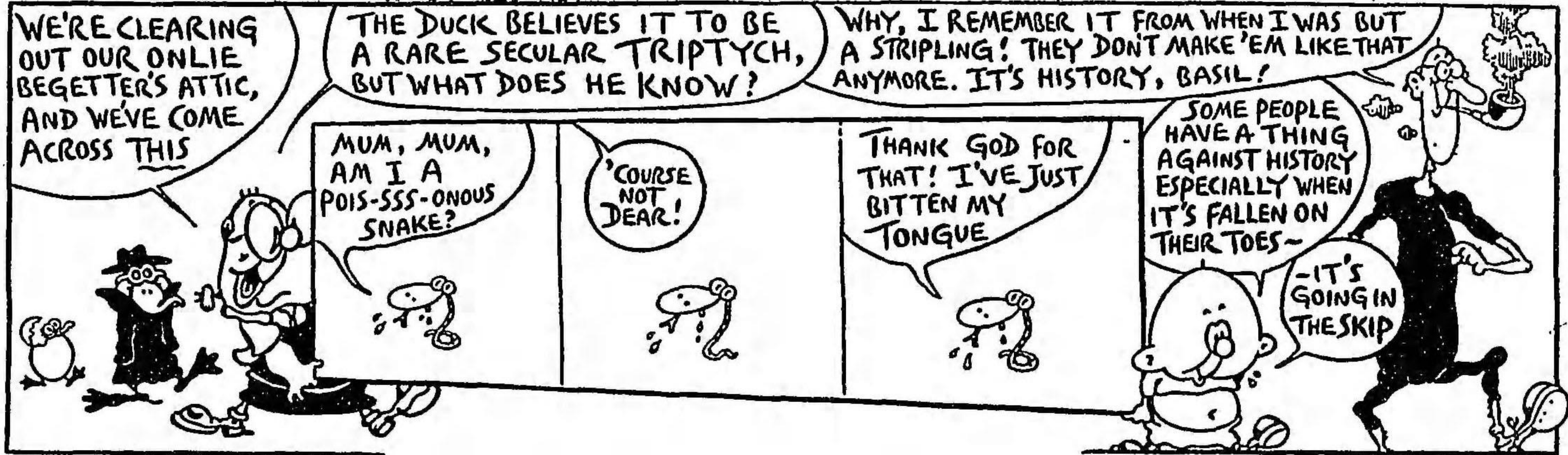
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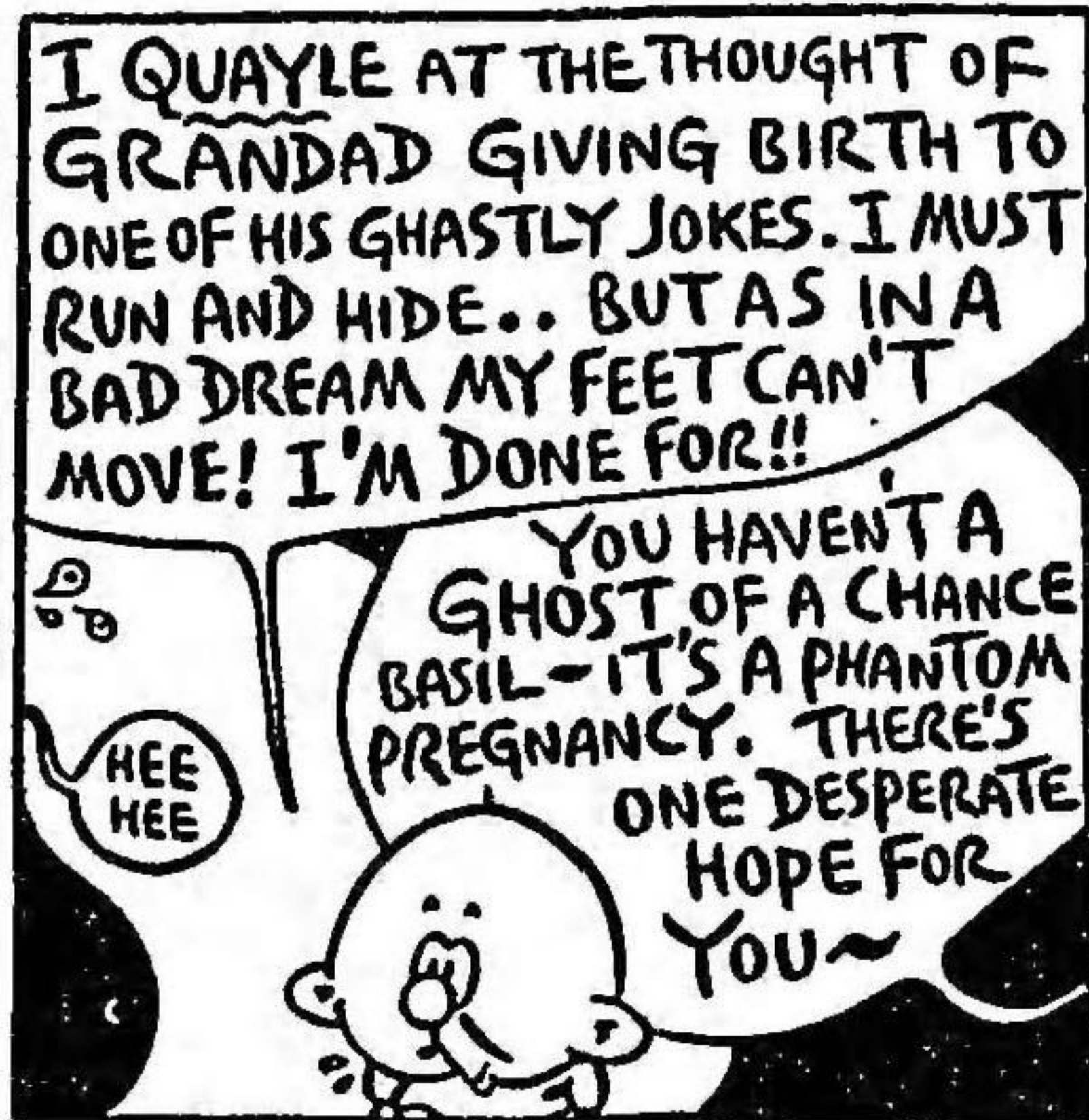
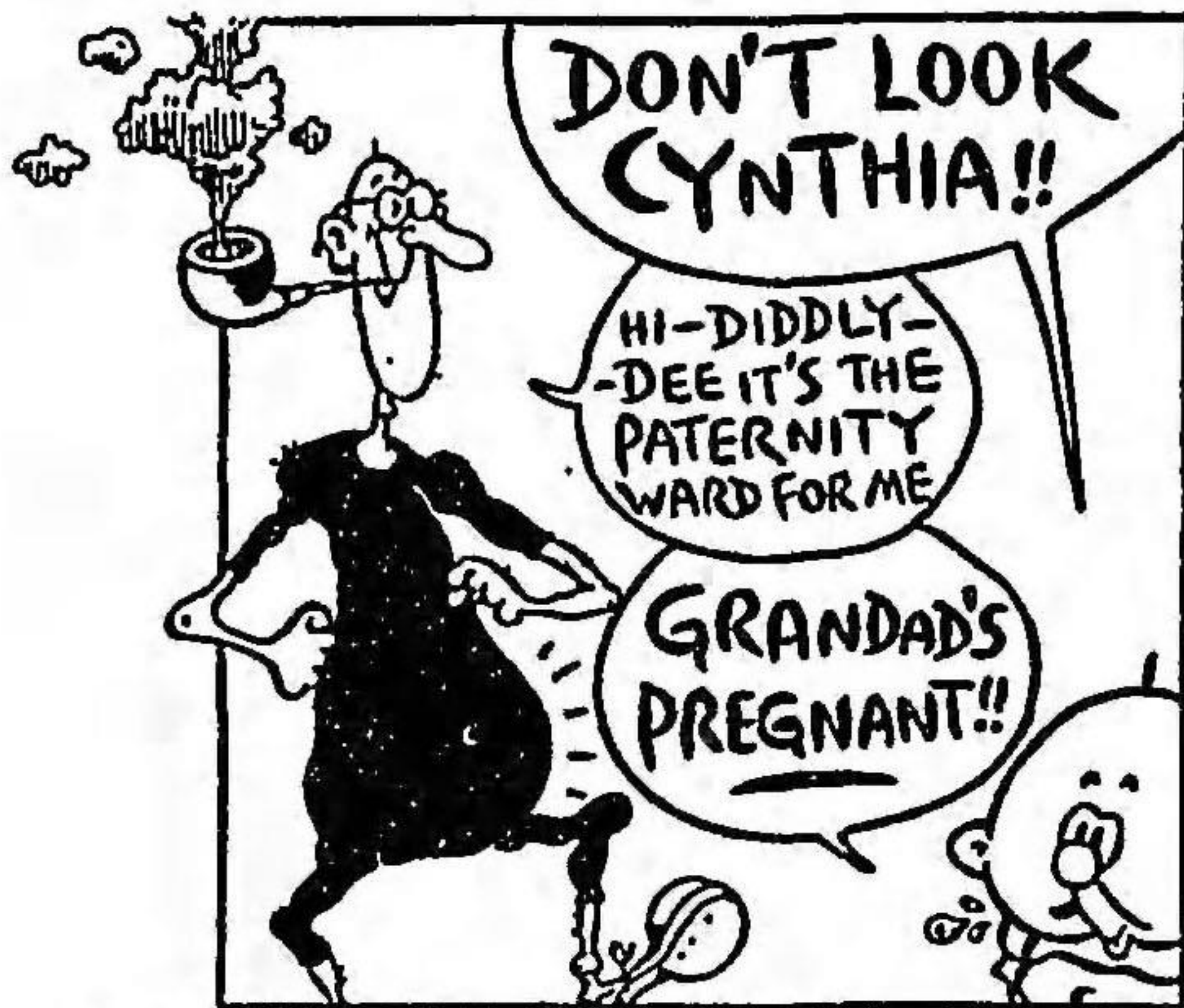


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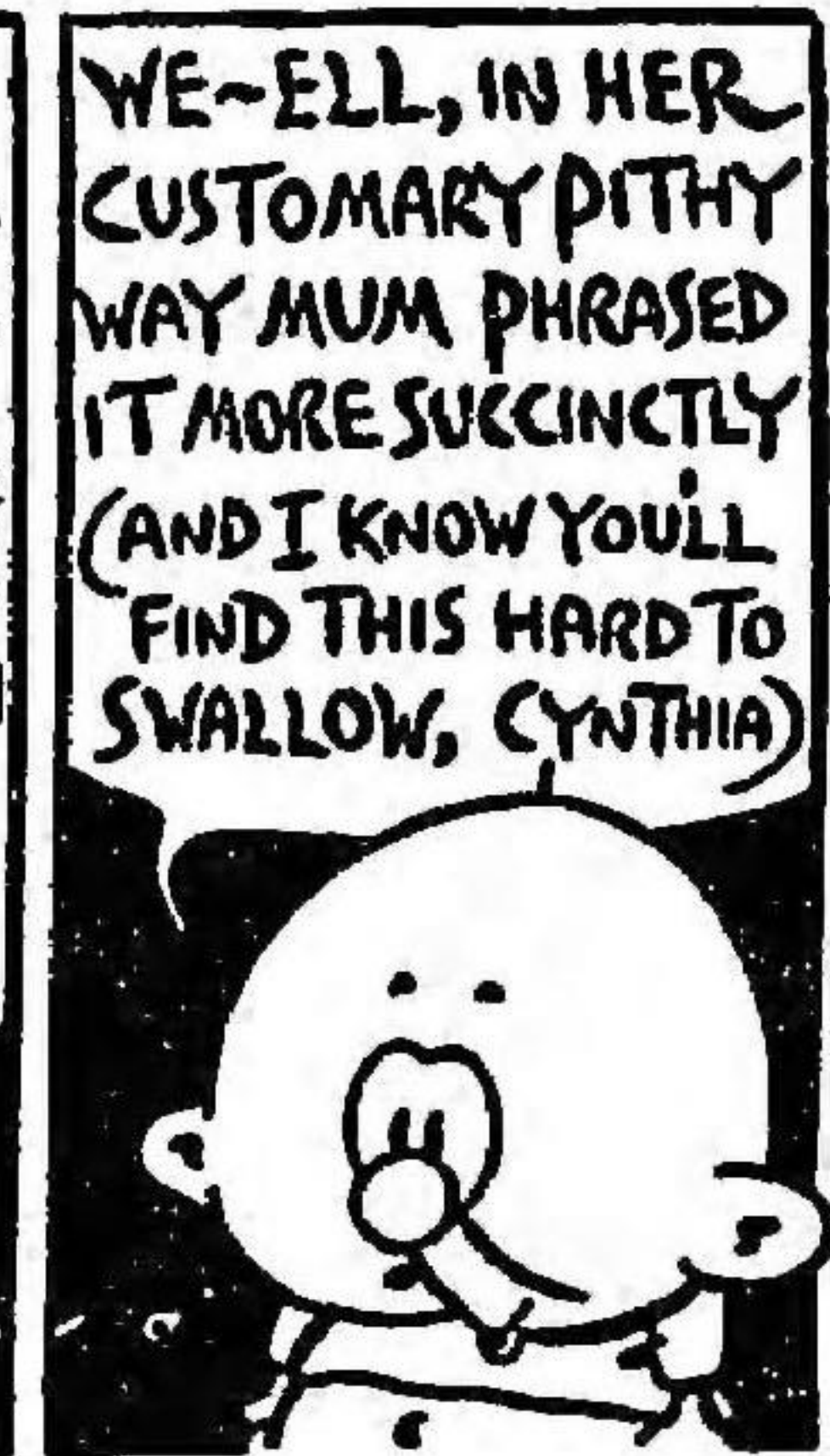
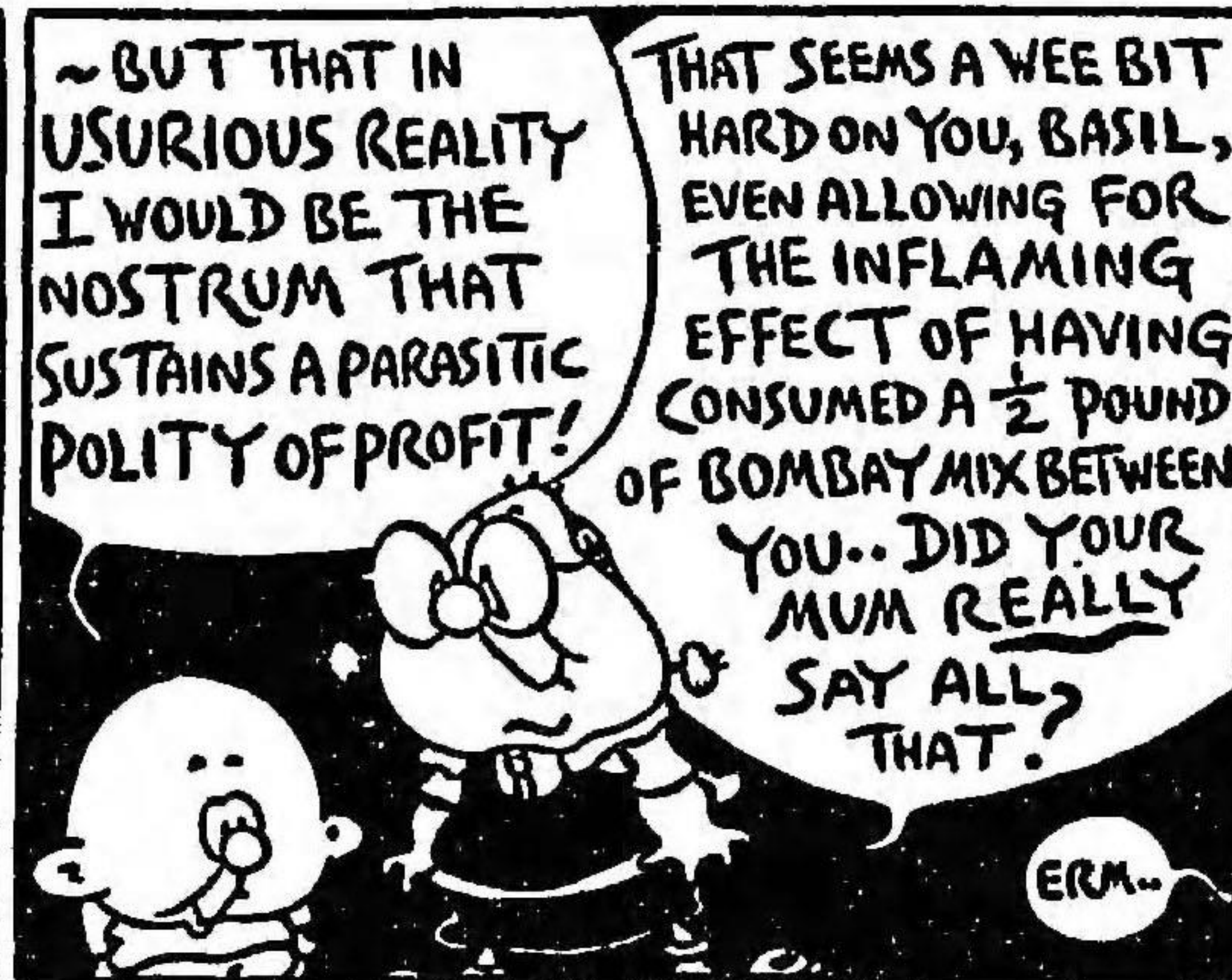
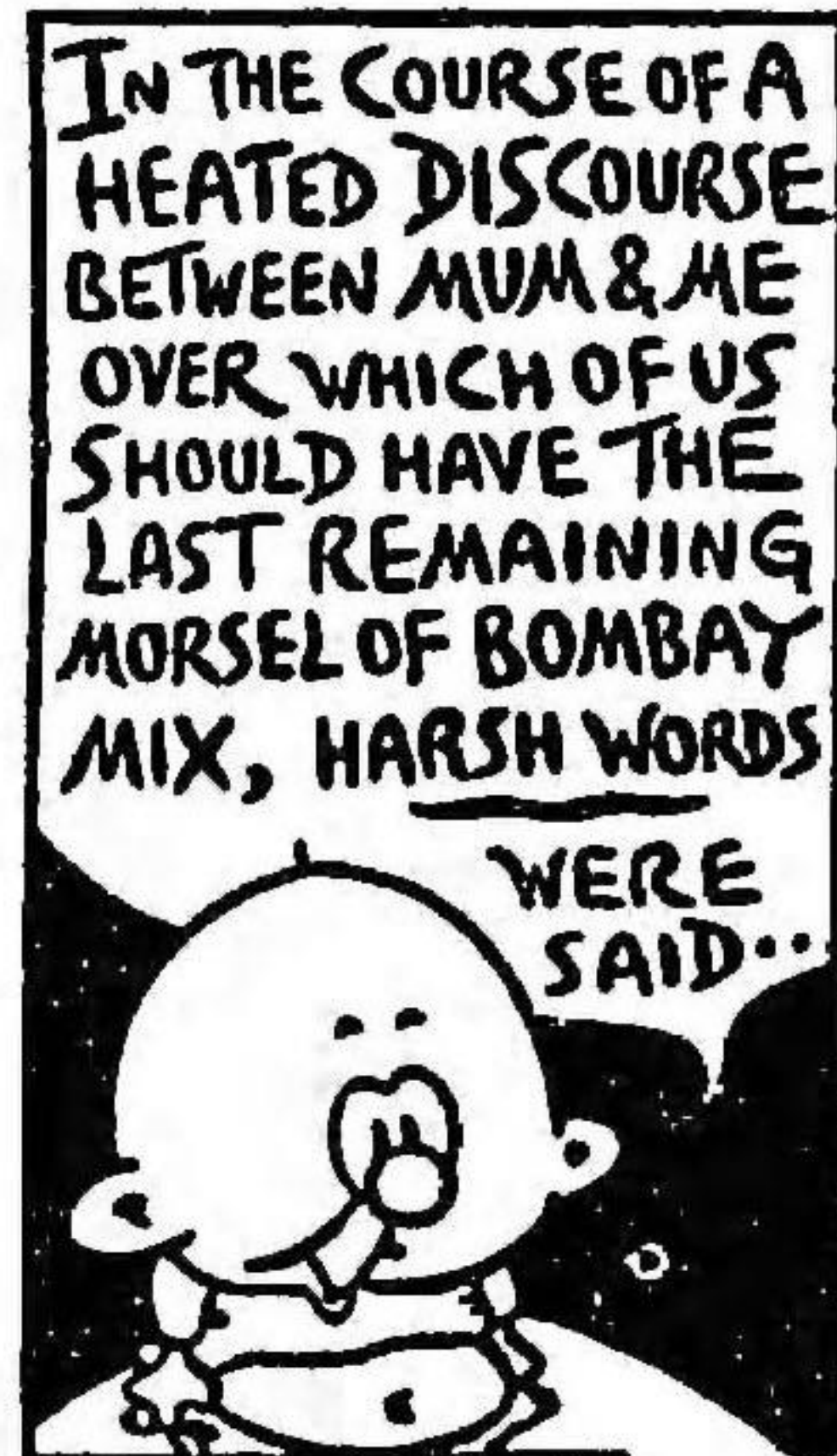
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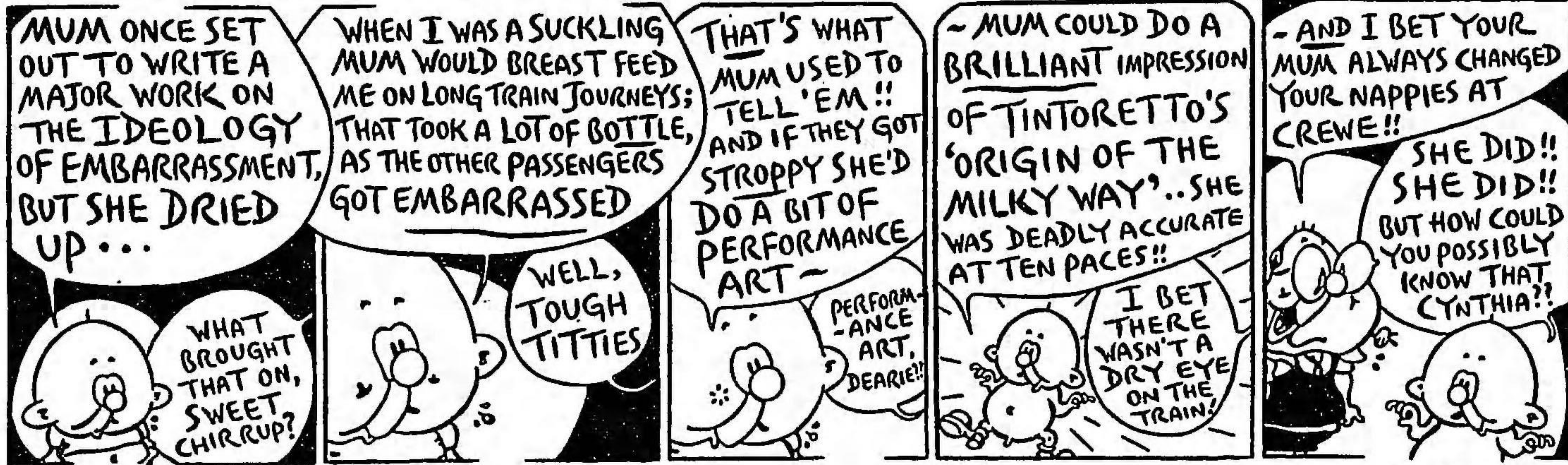
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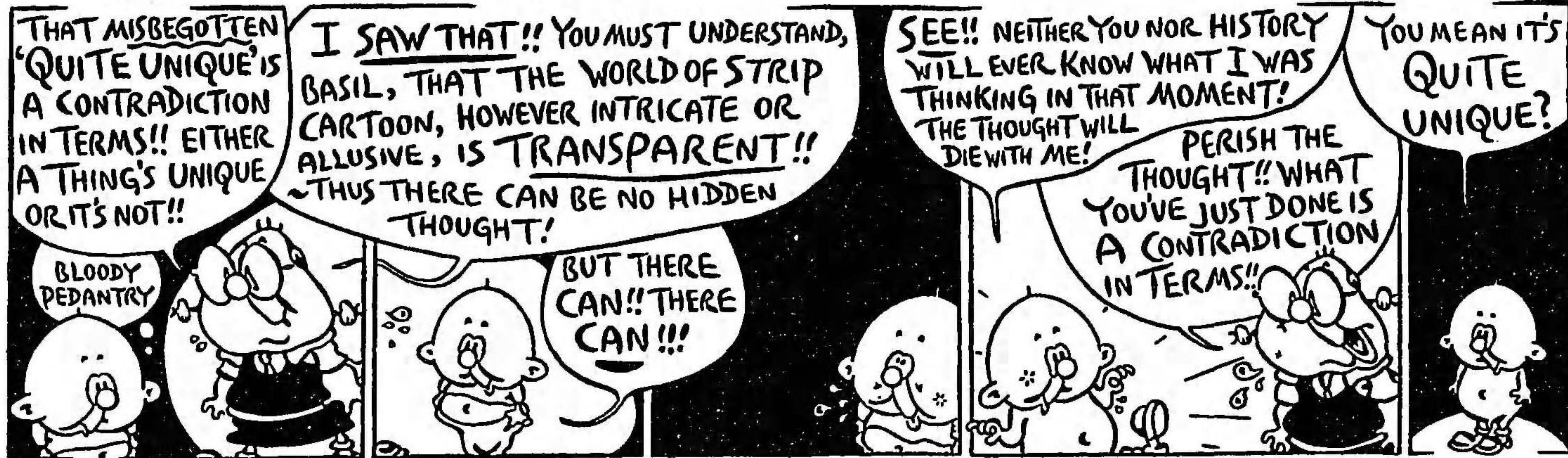
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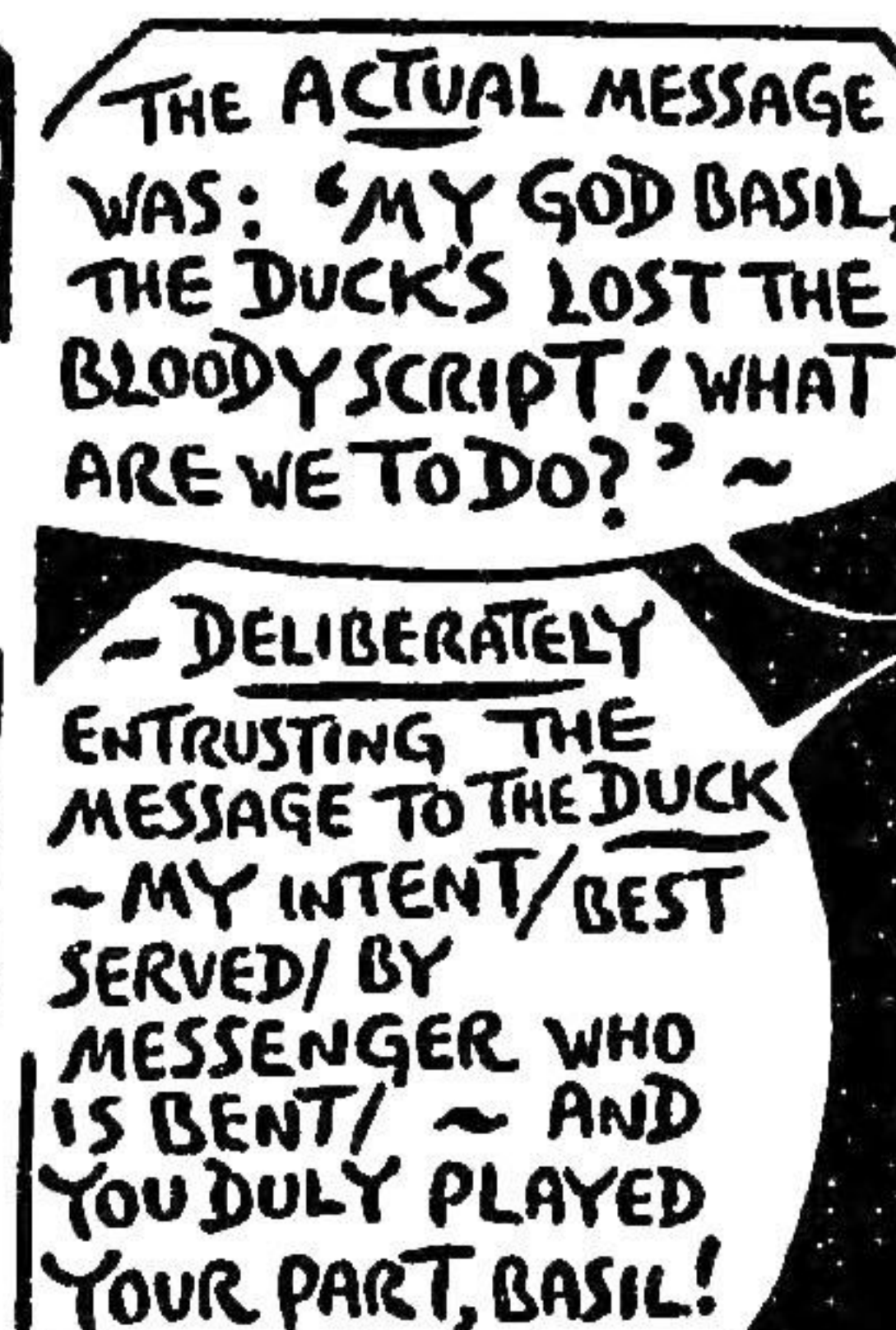
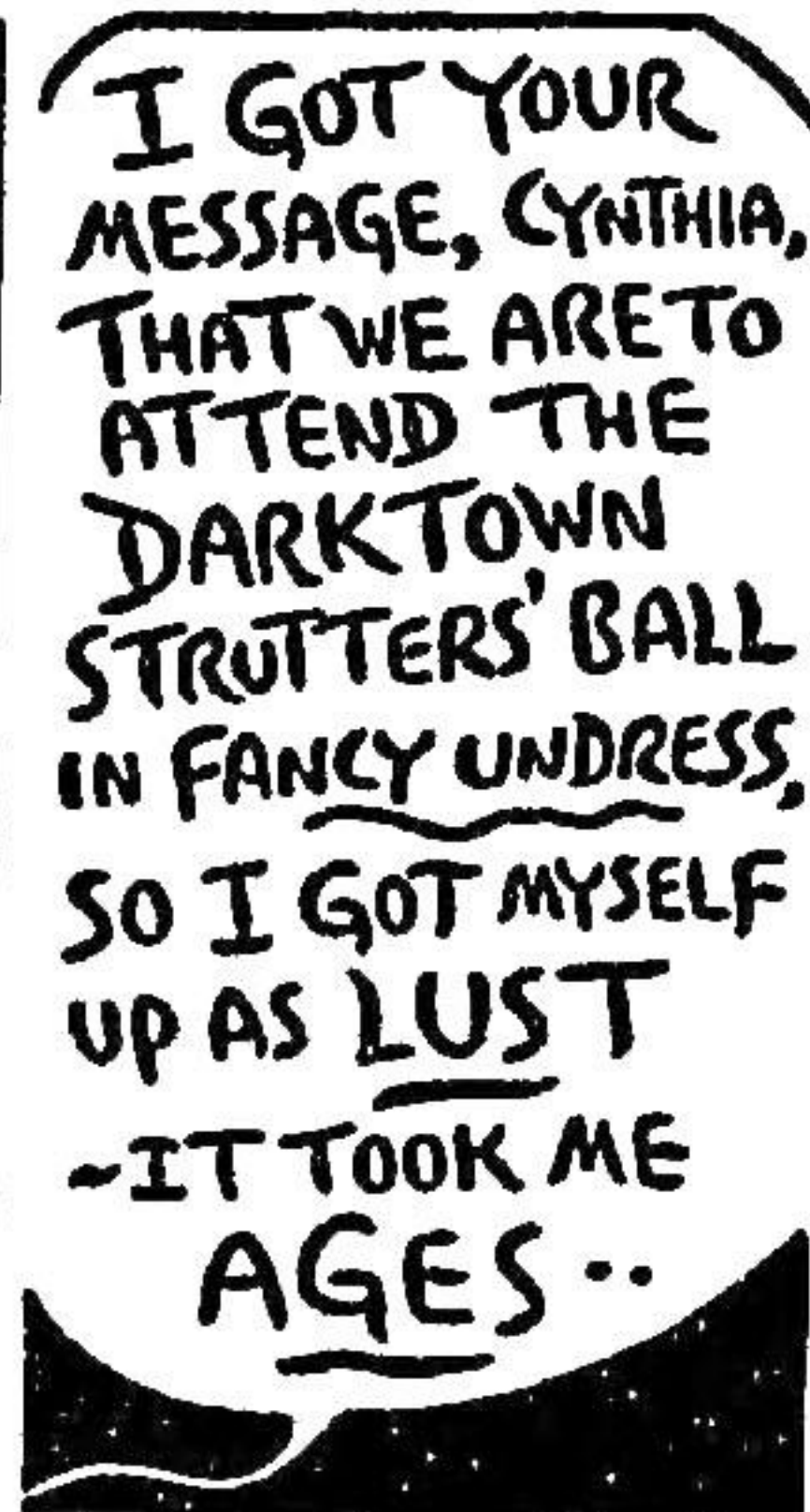


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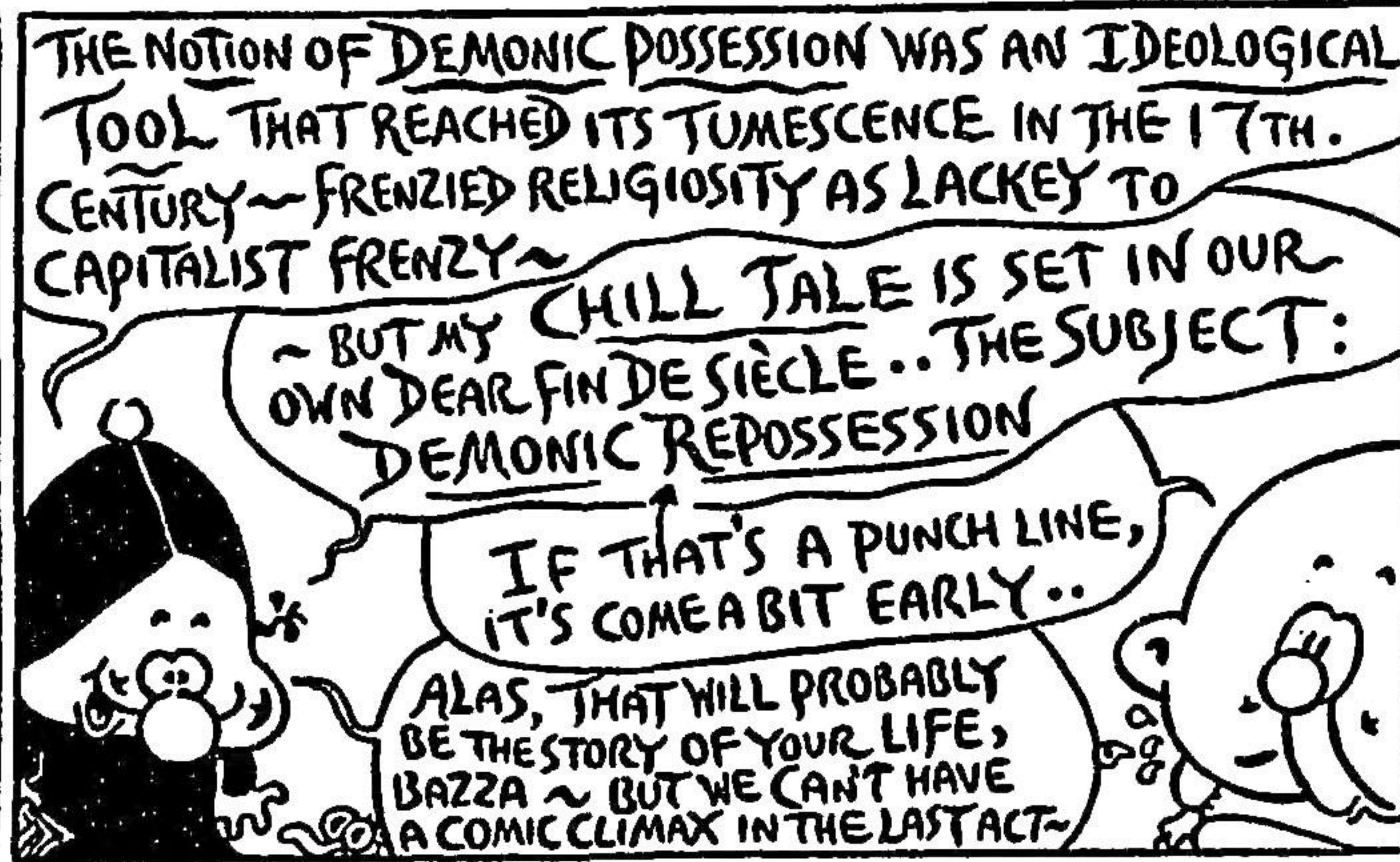
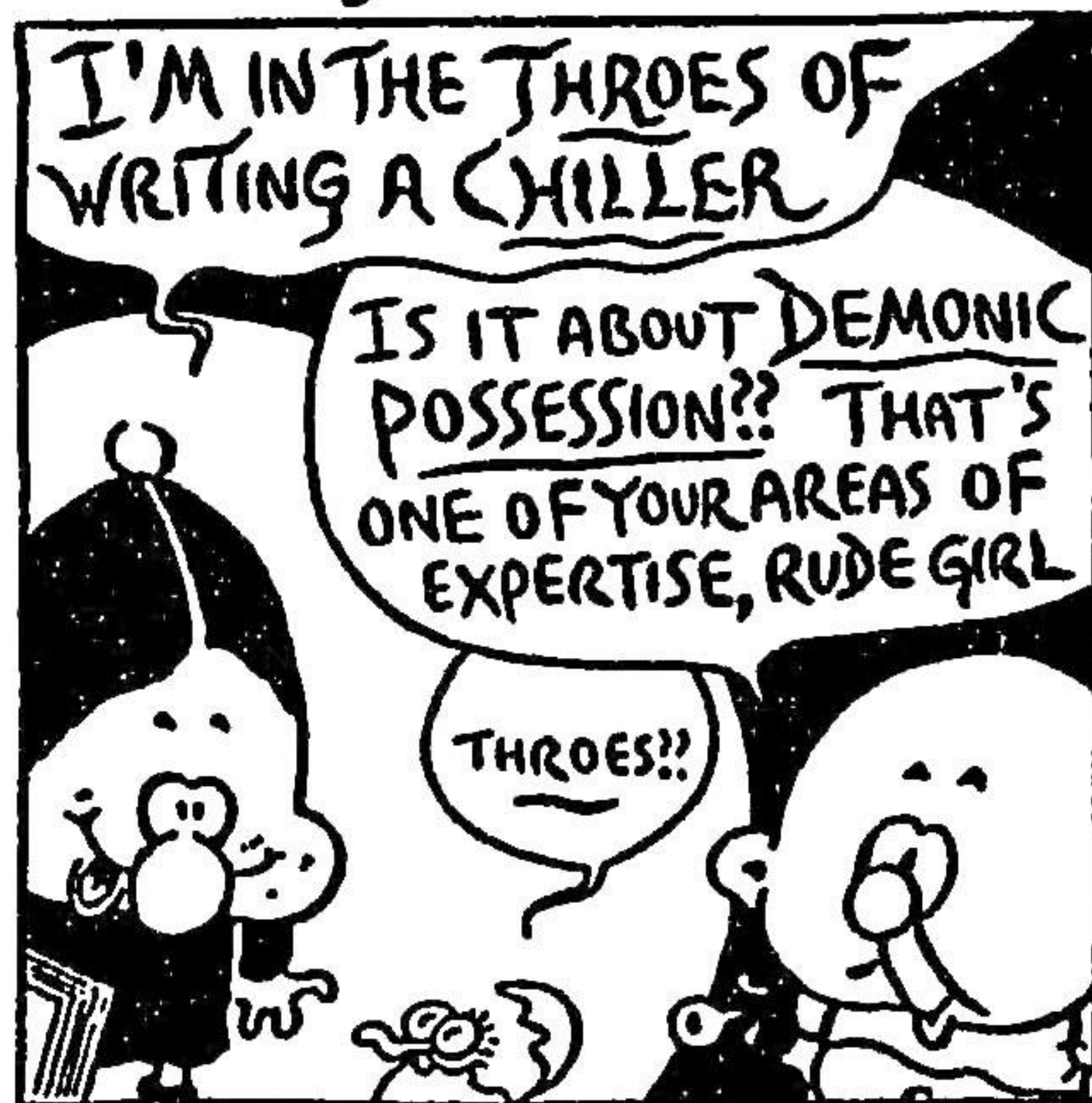
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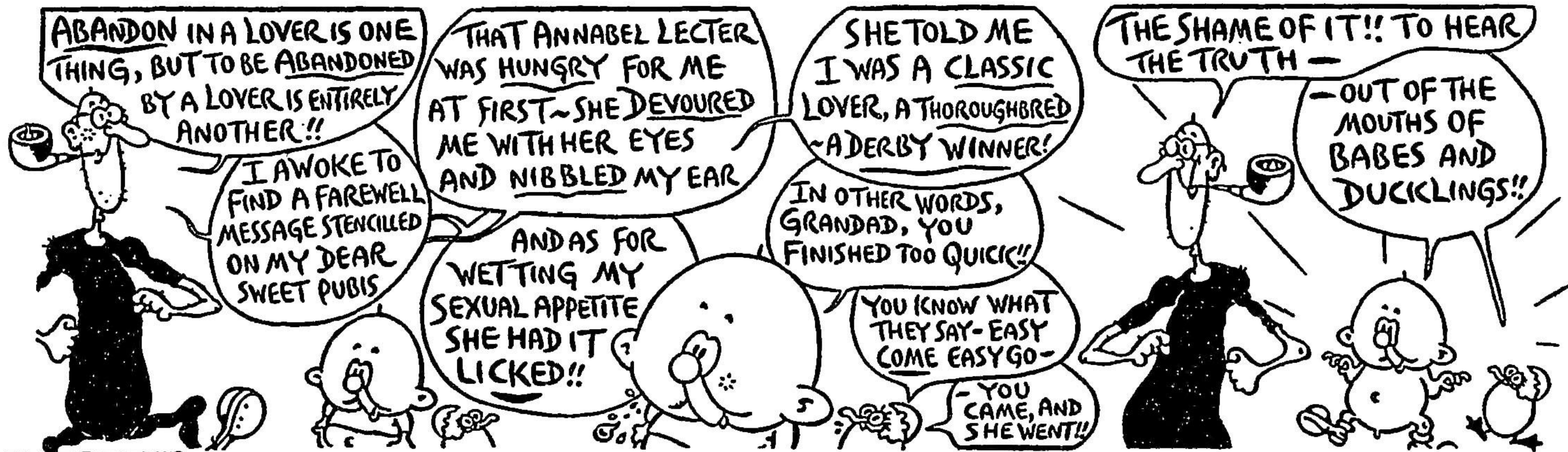
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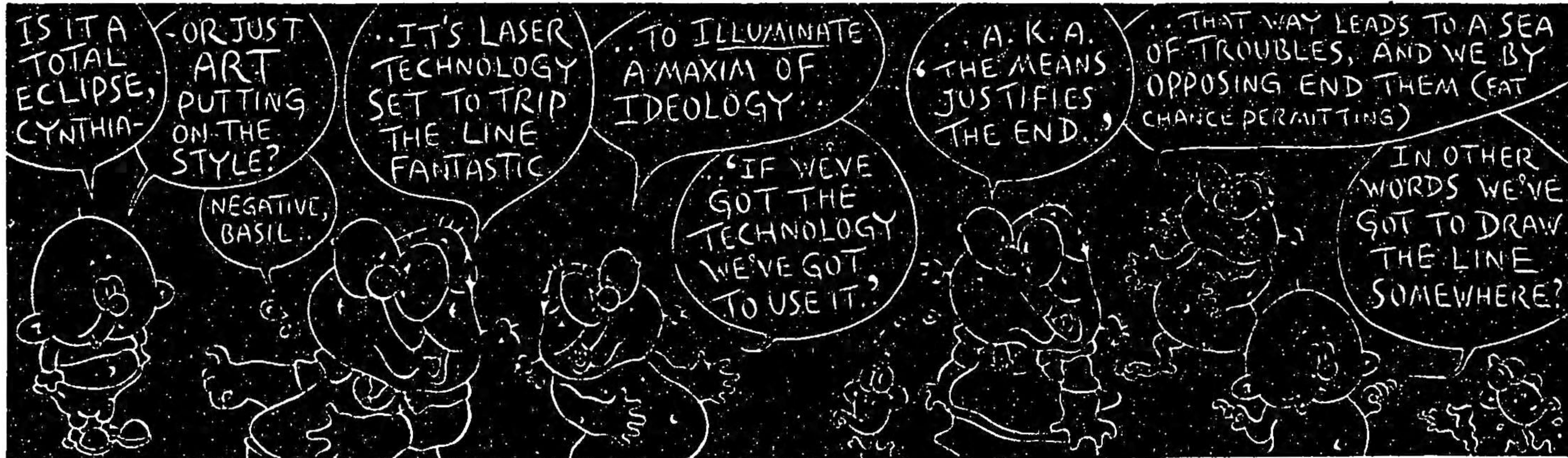
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TRUE STORIES: ONLY THE NAMES AND THE UNDERWEAR HAVE BEEN CHANGED...

IN PUBLISHING HER BRILLIANT NEW BOOK 'CRUISEWATCH: CIVIL RESISTANCE AGAINST AMERICAN NUCLEAR MISSILE CONVOYS IN THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE' MY MUM NATURALLY MADE USE OF THE BRITISH LIBRARY'S CATALOGUING~IN-PUBLICATION SERVICE



..AND LO: A CRYPTIC NOTE ARRIVES AT 'SILENT BUT DEADLY PUBLICATIONS' ASKING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHOR, ANY OTHER TITLES BY SAME, AND, INTER ALIA, THE REAL IDENTITY OF THE AUTHOR, AND PSEUDONYMS USED..

..SUCH INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO AUTHORITY CONTROL AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY... I EXPECT MUM AND ME ARE BEING PARANOID ABOUT ALL THIS~ I SUPPOSE THERE'LL BE A PERFECTLY INNOCENT, NOT TO SAY MUNDANE EXPLANATION



BUT OF COURSE, OF COURSE BASIL~

~ ALL THE SAME, WE'LL OPEN A FILE ON THE MATTER JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE... WE HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SURVEILLANCE STATE!



'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL !'

THE HARDBACK BASIL BOOK OUT
NOW !! REAPER BOOKS £9.95

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'LOVE YOU BABY BASIL !'

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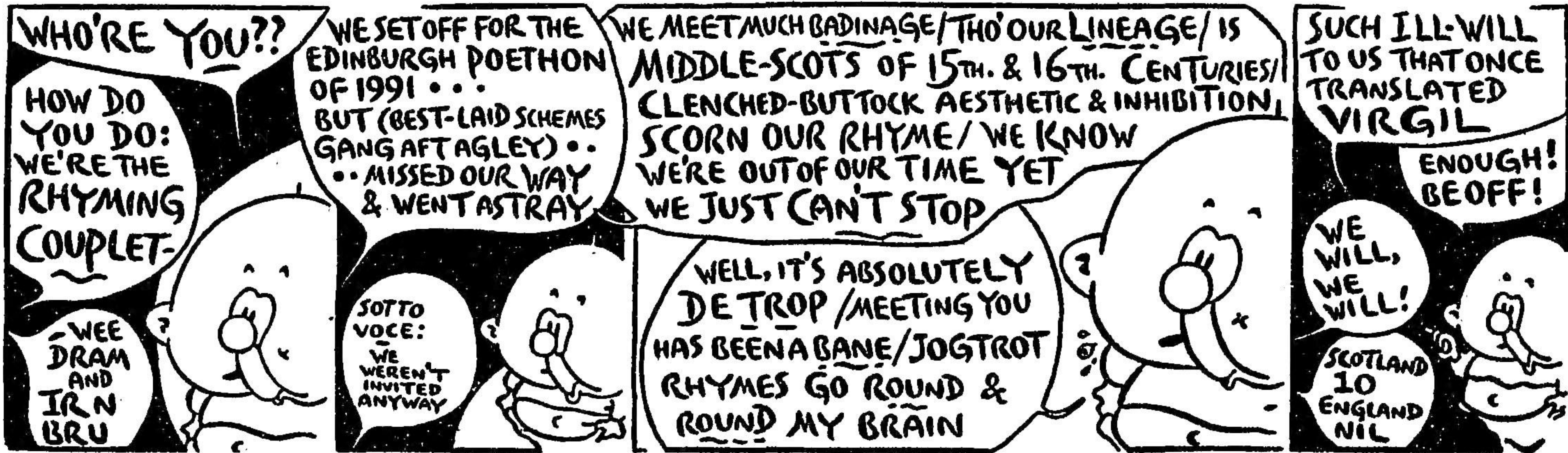
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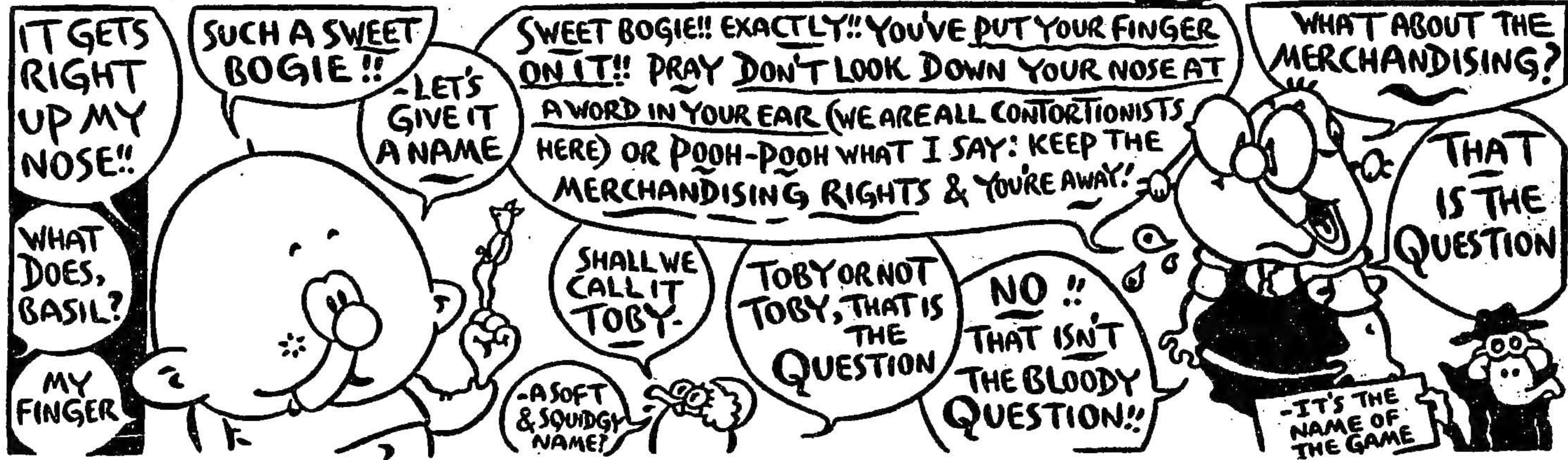


'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL!'

WE'RE AT THE SMALL PRESS FAIR
NEXT SATURDAY... SEE
The Noticeboard



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'I LOVE YOU BABY BASIL !'

WE'RE AT THE SMALL PRESS FAIR
TODAY (SATURDAY) ... SEE
The Noticeboard



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FOUR HORSEMEN
CAME RIDING BY
I SAID 'HELLO'
THEY SAID 'HI'

~ ASKING
DIRECTION TO A
PAUPERISED FAR
LAND ~ SO MANY
ONE LOSE TRACK
YOU UNDERSTAND

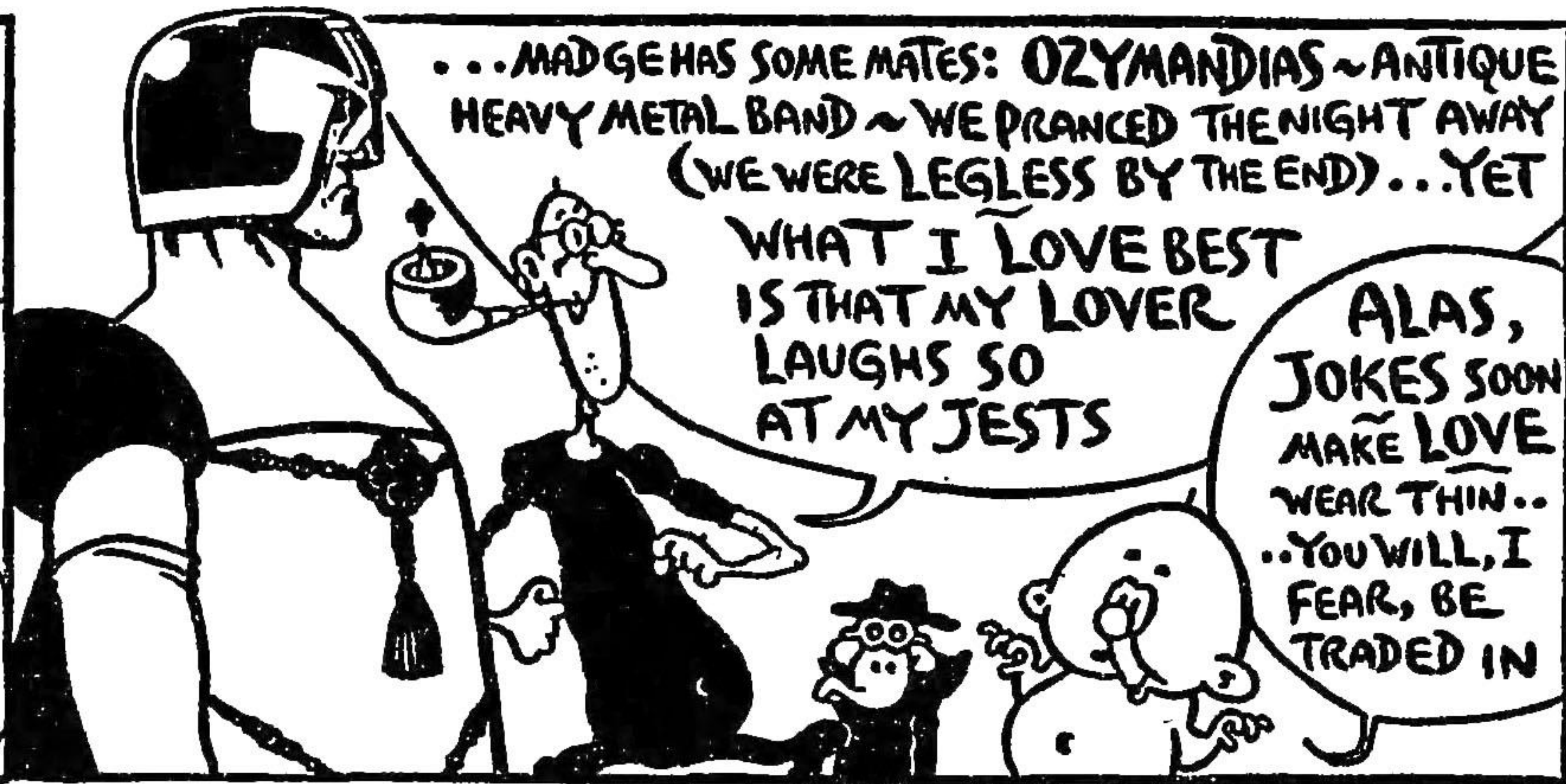
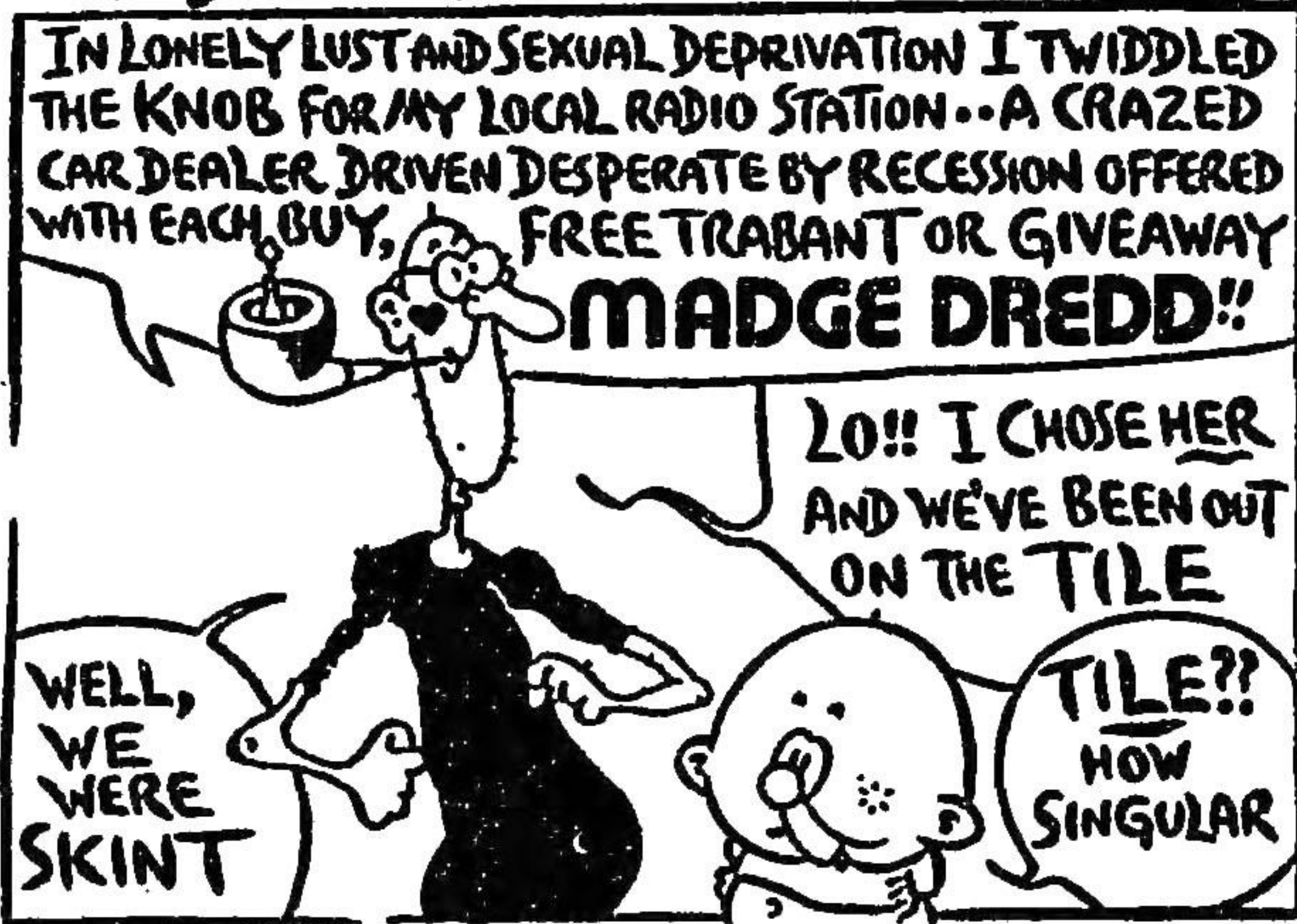
MUM CAME OUT, TO ASK IF THEY WERE BAILIFFS
OR REPOSSESSORS (WHILE DEFTLY SCOOPING LARGESSE
FOR THE ALLOTMENT) .. THEY ANNOUNCED
THEMSELVES HAUGHTILY: WAR, FAMINE,
PESTILENCE AND DEATH (FOR A MOMENT
THERE I HELD MY BREATH) MUM
MURMURED, WHAT A NASTY JOB THEY
HAD TO DO, AND RECEIVED REPLY:
THEIR VISITATIONS WERE AYE
ACCOMPANIED BY MUCH MANURE;
BUT THEY WERE FRONT-MEN FOR
OTHERS (THOUGH THEY WEREN'T
INTO NAME ~ DROPPING)



MUM GAVE THEM SYMPATHY
AND ABREW, SAYING YES, SHE
KNEW ~ SMILED SWEETLY AND
GAVE EXACT DIRECTION
(I THOUGHT 'OHO!' BUT
KEPT MUM: RECOGNISING
LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE
OF WORLD BANK SUPREMO'S
FRONT GARDEN) .. WE
WAVED 'BYE ~ BYE';
WELL DONE MY MUM,
GOOD DEED FOR THE DAY
I HOPE THEY DON'T
COME BACK THIS WAY

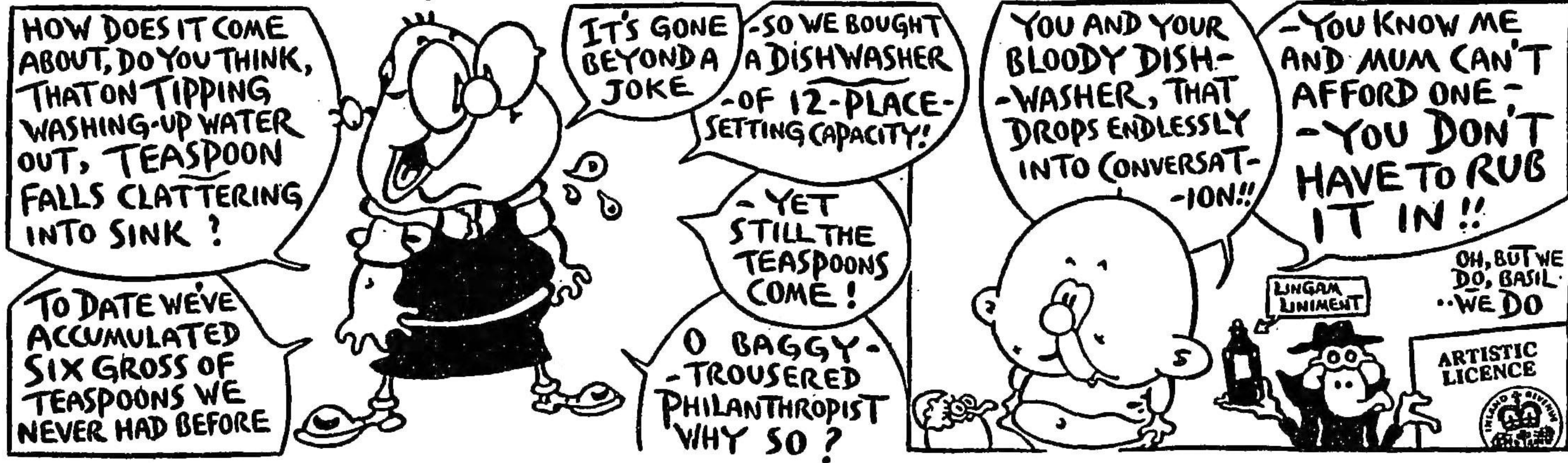
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Notes & Queries

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DIMPLED SIMONE
MET A PIEMAN,
SAID TO HIM
FAIR AND SQUARE
'RIGHT, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU'VE GOT'

THE PIEMAN
RAPED HER
ON THE
SPOT

'JUST LOOK
AT THOSE DIMPLES
& HER SPORTY
MIEN -

- SHE WAS
ASKING
FOR IT'

THEY SAY
OF MY OWN
KIND 'JUST
LOOK AT THOSE
PLUMP BREASTS
& THIGHS -
THEY'RE
ASKING
FOR IT'

AT BIRTH
THEY SCOOP US
INTO BOXES
PINK OR BLUE
EN ROUTE TO
FORCED LABOUR
OR TO
MORTIFYING
FATE AS FROZEN
STIFFS

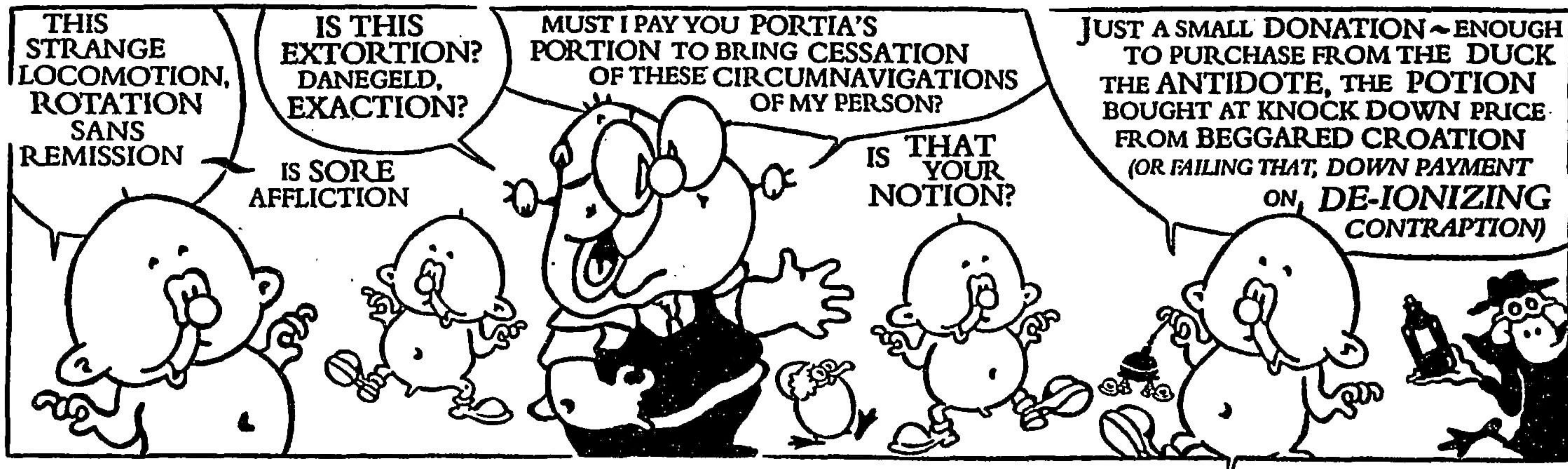
MY PENNANT
IS NEITHER
PINK NOR BLUE
BUT RAGING PURPLE;
YET BEING PUNY
WITH BRITTLE ARMOUR
I MUST SEIZE A CHANCE
AND USE CUNNING

LIKE
TODAY..

(WELL, THEY WERE
ASKING FOR IT:
THEY ALL WENT OUT
TO LUNCH AND LEFT
THE CAMERAS
RUNNING)

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Baby Basil ~ *The*GRAPHIC NOVEL

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I HOPED FOR
TINKERBELL
TO
COME
AGAIN
IN
DAMP
DREAM

BUT INSTEAD, TURNING
(LIKE TORMENTED GLOBE)
IN SLEEP,
FELT COLD DEATH'S
BURNING KISS

SUBLUNARY
OBJECT
OF DESIRE
(NOT FOR SWEET
SELF, BUT FOR
VERDANT
PROPERTIES)

AND (OH BUGGER)
THE CONFUSED
ELEMENTS
NOT KNOWING
WHETHER
THEY'RE
COMING OR
GOING
(WELL, THIS
IS ALLEGORY)

I
(NOT FINDING
RHYME
FOR 'ALLEGORY'
APART FROM
INAPT
'NOT TO
WORRY')
JUDICIOUSLY
AWOKE

MOUTH
TINDER
DRY

TO CRY
'EL NINO
IS COMING!
OR GOING...

SILLY
LITTLE
SIR
ANTHONY
BLUNT *

TO
RETIRE
TO BED
WITH YOUR
FETCHING
MAUVE
NIGHT ATTIRE
BACK TO
FRONT



'I LOVE You Baby Basil !'

The Petruzzelli's Della Gattina prizewinner
BASIL BOOK: £11.36 from
Entrepreneur Duck, Eastcombe
P.O. Stroud, Glos. GL6 7DP.



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AT THE
THIRD
STROKE..

..THE TIME
SPONSORED BY
THE GLOBAL
BANKING
SYSTEM WILL
BE -

-HIGH
NOON!!

BOING

THERE GOES ANOTHER CONVERT TO
CRITICAL FACULTY!! ARE YOU KEEPING
THE SCORE, BASIL?

I AM!! I AM!! HOW DO
YOU SPELL ACCRINGTON
STANLEY,
CYNTHIA?



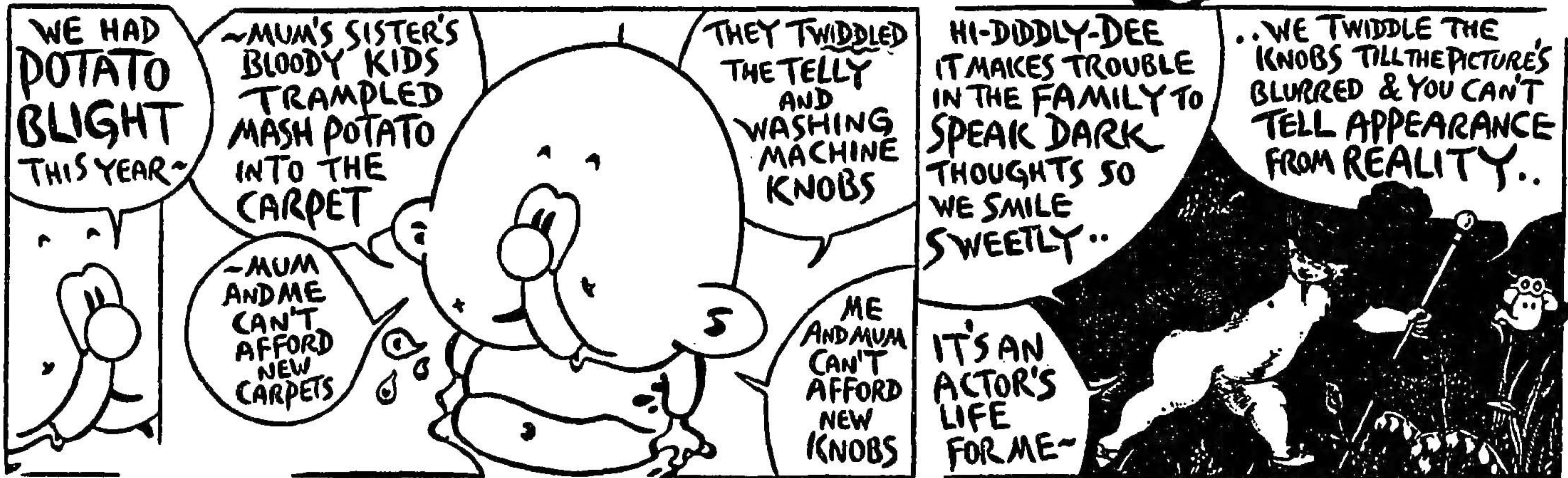
SO FAR,
SURREAL...

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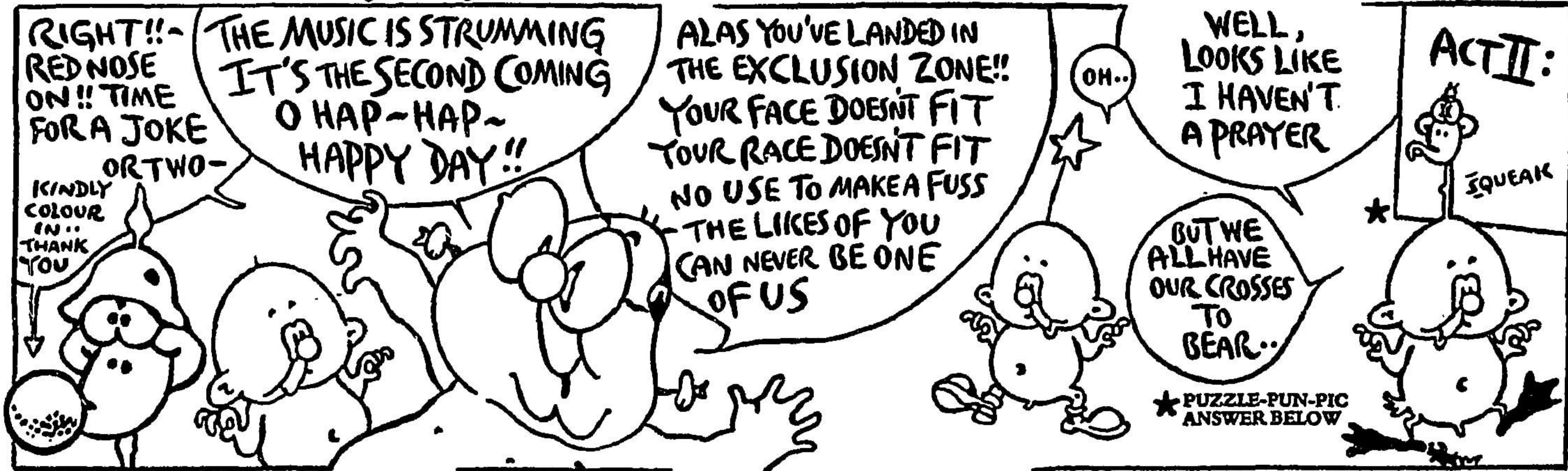


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G7: The Nativity Play

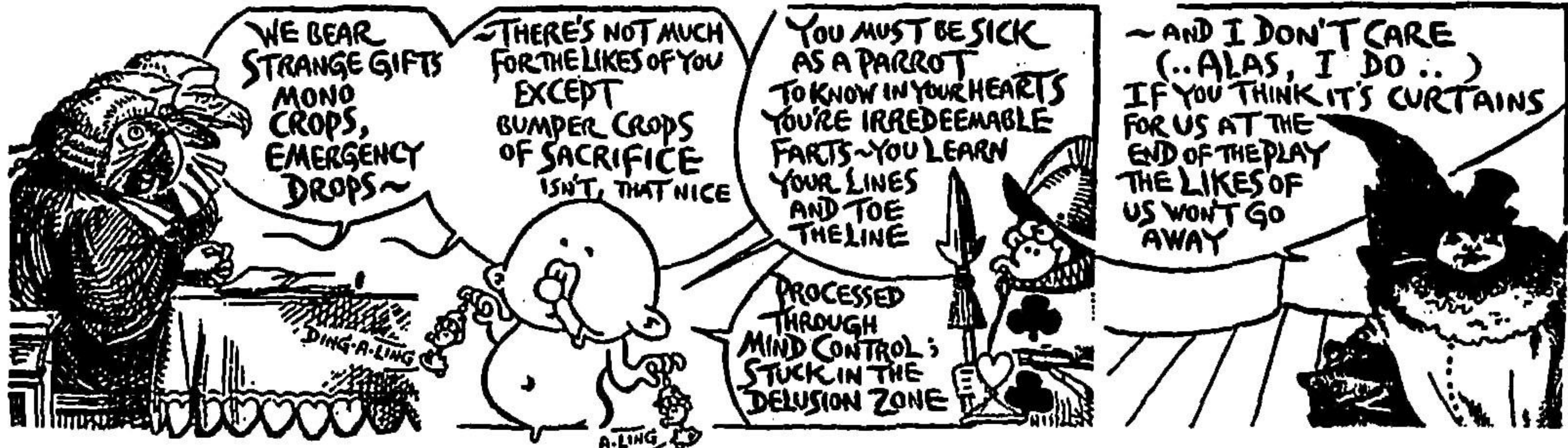
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G7: The Nativity Play **ACT II**

With a little help from your friends ...
John Tenniel and Ambrey Beardaley

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'I LOVE you Baby Basil!'

Guest skivvy courtesy of John Tenniel ...

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Cynthia-Boo
has a wheeze
for a freeze
on Death from the Air
- to clog up all the
jet engines in all the
gin joints in all the
world (sorry - got
carried away there)
by fast-breeder
programme:
massed formations
of pigeons (as many



as there are
permutations of Yahweh
in the Torah - in sum
400 billion billion
billion billion.)
Basil's Grandad
has volunteered
the services of a pair
of clapped-out breeder
pigeons (of hopefully
separate gender,
but if not they'll
do their best)



But this Happy Breed
of pigeons (not being
Christian souls)
Disbelievers in
notion of SACRIFICE,
pour scorn
on such old corn...
Thus Cynthia's
ploy is Pie
In The Sky
(pigeon pie
to be exact)



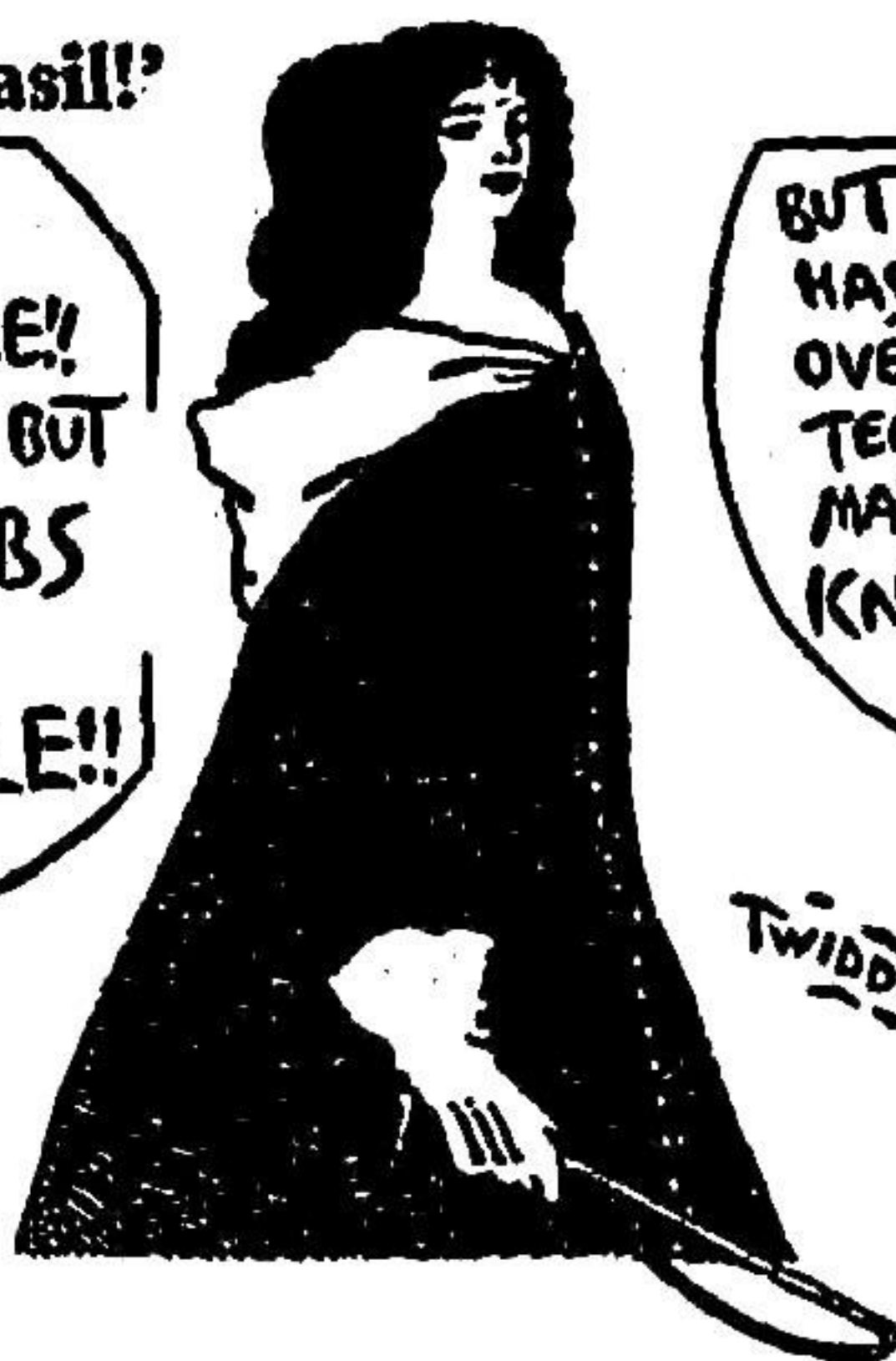
THE SUCKLING BASIL & WET NURSE BY JOHN TENNIEL

It therefore
remains
To Wish
All
Here
A
Bomb-Happy
Xmas &
New
Year

'I LOVE you Baby Basil!'

OUR NEW
TELLY
THREW ME
INTO
PSYCHOLOGICAL
DISARRAY,

WHAT A
PANTOMIME!
BUTTONS, BUT
NO KNOBS
TO
TWIDDLE!!



BUT CLEVER MUM
HAS THE WHIP-HAND
OVER POSTMODERNIST
TECHNIQS: SHE
MADE A PLACEBO
KNOB FOR THE
TELLY~

TWIDDLE~



~WHEN I
TWIDDLE
IT,
NOTHING
HAPPENS

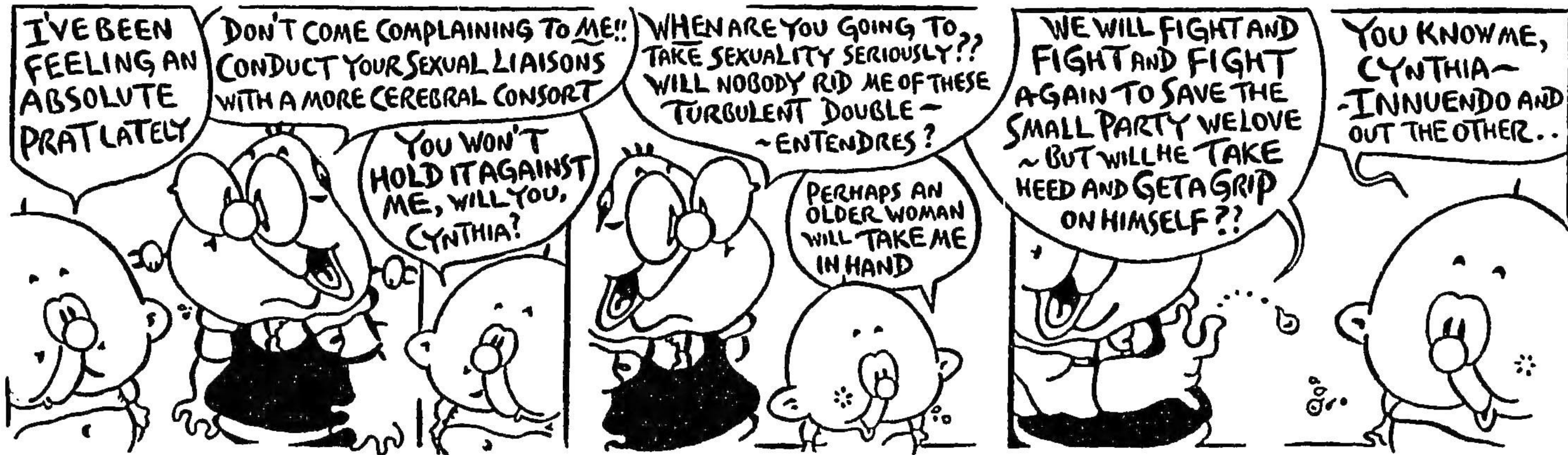
~BUT I
FEEL A
LOT BETTER
IN MY
MIND



JUST THE DUCK IN FANCY LURKERY
IN FOND MEMORY OF FREDDY MERCURY

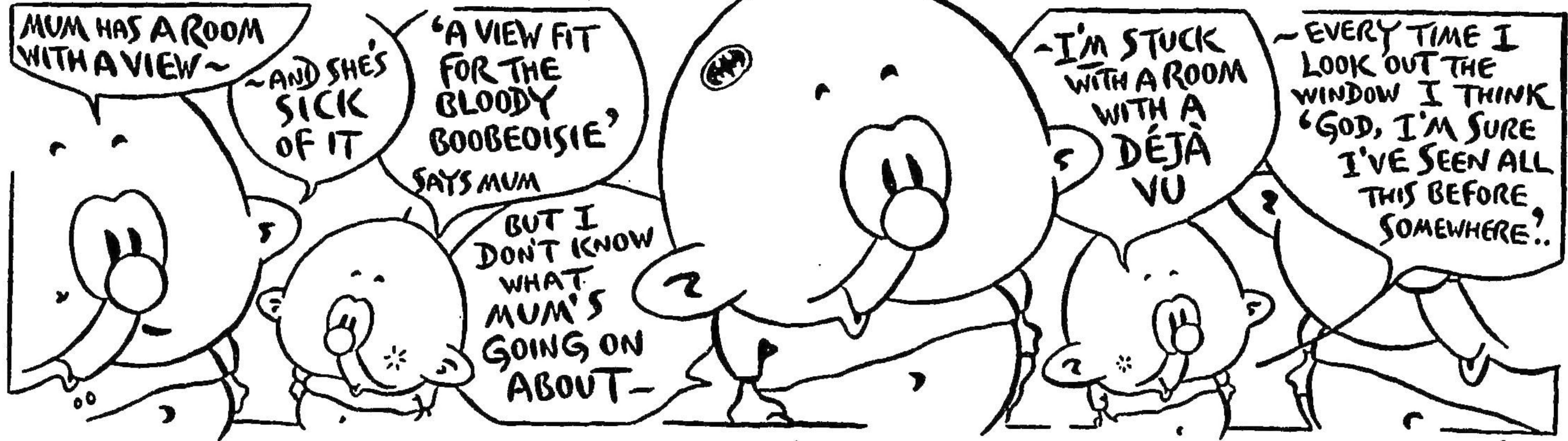
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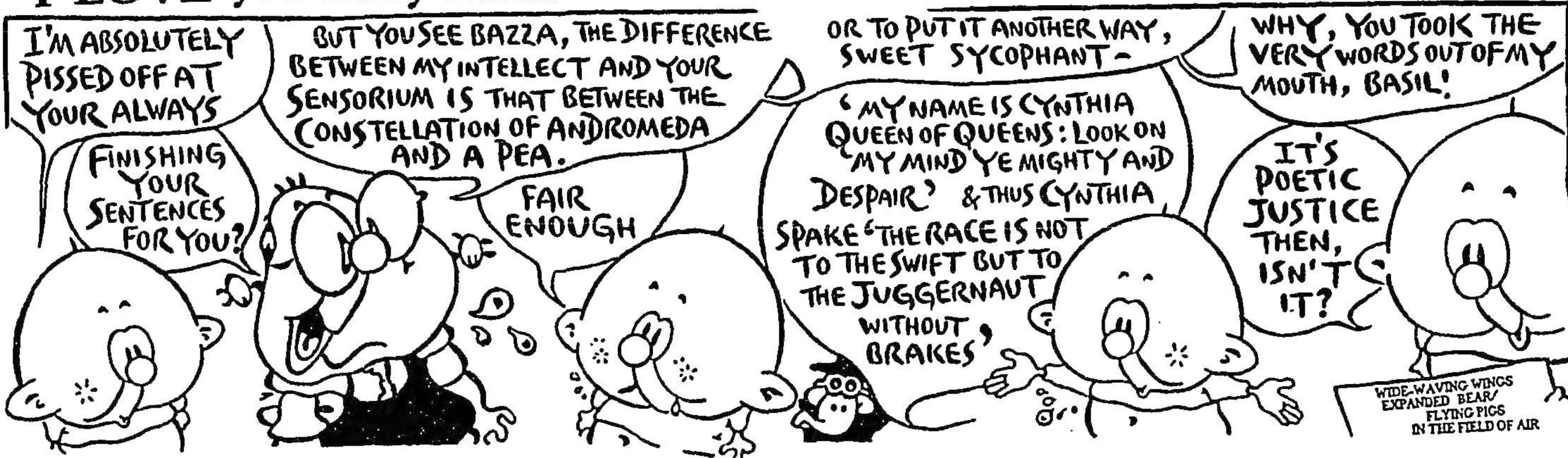
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♥ LONELY HEARTS

BASIL'S GRANDAD
fickly abandoned
by rampant
sexual partner
desperately seeks
replacement same.
Obscene photo
appreciated.
MY GOD IT'S
BEEN THREE
DAYS.
Box No.
666

I SAY THERE
BASILISK

I AM
PATRON SAINT
OF SEXUAL
ZEST

& I
KNOW
WHAT'S
BEST-

OH
LOR!!

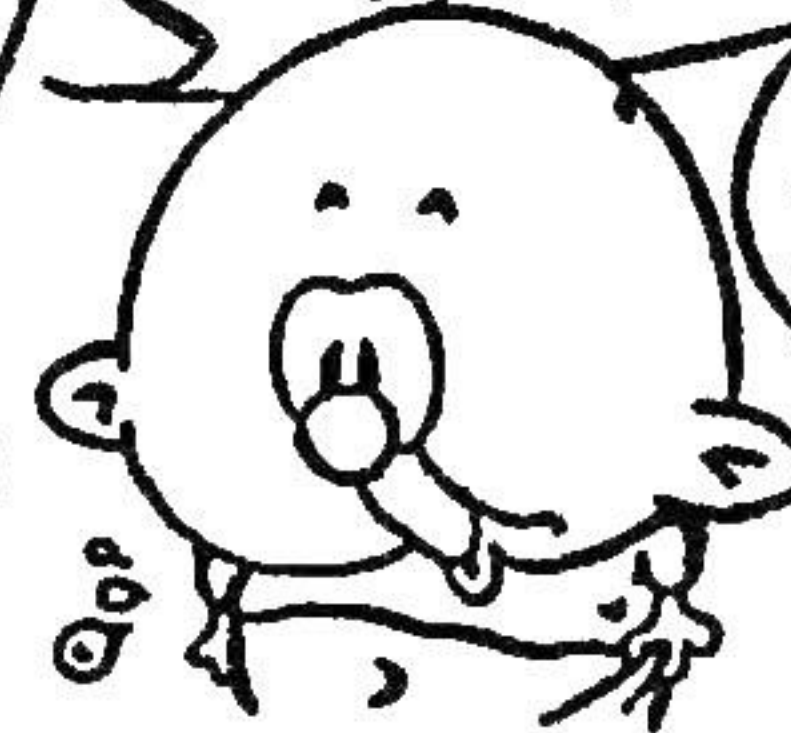


-TO PUT
QUALMS OF
NERVOUS
SOULS AT
REST-

-YOUR
GRANDAD
MUST EMPLOY
FINESSE:

MENTION
OF
(e.g.)..

.. LOVE OF GARDENS..
WITH JUST A DELICATE
HINT OF THE CARNAL
- A CASUAL ASIDE, SAY,
THAT HE HAS GOOD
LEGS - YOU TELL
HIM, BASIL!



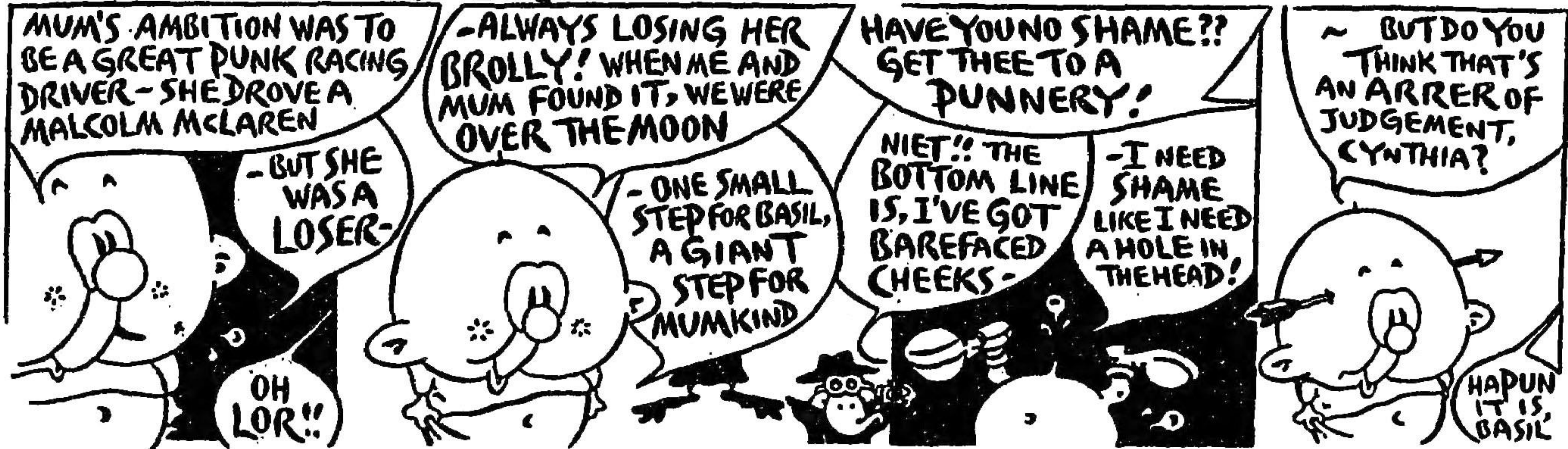
I'LL
TELL HIM!
I'LL TELL
HIM!

BASIL
TOLD
HIM..

BASIL'S GRANDAD
& his dibber
in the Garden of
Earthly Delights
(laid out by
Sexuality Brown)
GOOD THIGHS.
Don't bother with
a bloody photo.
MY GOD
IT'S BEEN
TEN DAYS.

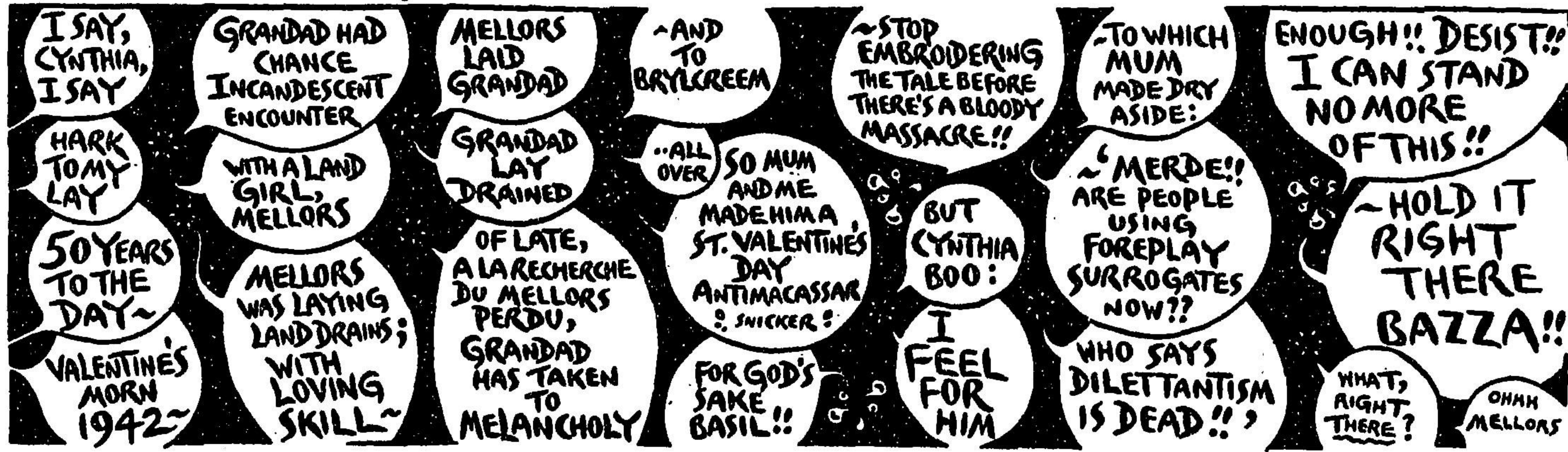
OH
LOR!!

Leo Baxendale



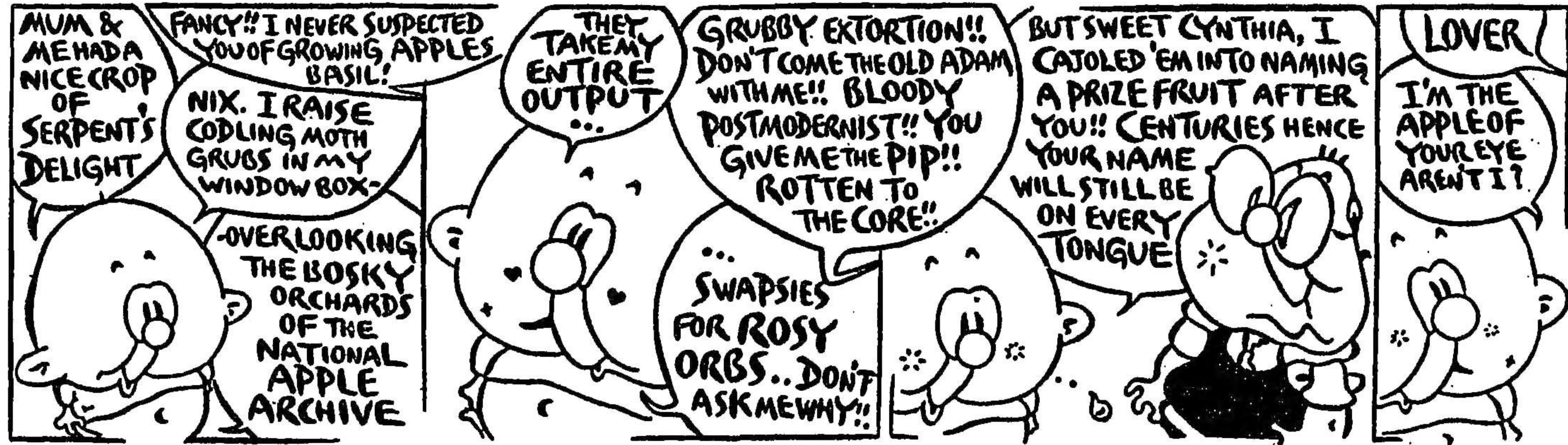
'I LOVE you Baby Basil!'

Leo Baxendale



'I LOVE you Baby Basil!'

Leo Baxendale



'I LEAVE you Baby Basil!' (.....drawing is doing my eyes in, so alas that's it.....) **Leo Baxendale**



LETTERS

WE FOUND your cartoon I love you Baby Basil (April 28) in very poor taste. Invading the dignity and rights of the youngest members of society indicates a lack of sensibility and awareness which is surprising in a quality newspaper.

John and Lynn Cousins
Milton Keynes

SATURDAY-SUNDAY MAY 5-6 1990

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LETTERS

THE LETTER (May 5) fingering my April 28 Baby Basil set with the charge of "invading the dignity and rights of the youngest members of society . . ." is ambiguous: it is not clear whether the phrase refers to (a) sexual transgression against children, or (b) the sexuality of children. If the former, then an integral part of sexual transgression against children is coercion between unequals.

In this drawing, the absurd verbal sexual exchange takes place between equals — Rude Girl and Baby Basil. If the sexuality of children is meant, then I should point out that my comic creation are autonomous characters, either self confident in their own gormless state of being, or (like Basil) beset and beleaguered in an uncertain world. These characters must go where their enquiring minds and sensibilities lead them, and I will not deny to them any part of the world of comedy.

Leo Baxendale
Stroud, Gloucestershire

SATURDAY-SUNDAY MAY 12-13 1990

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LETTERS

FOR some time now the speech-bubbles in Leo Baxendale's strip have been making me anxious. They crowd the characters into confined spaces and awkward corners, sometimes even engulfing their upper parts like low-lying fog-banks, and in general seem malignantly poised to evict or smother Baby Basil, Cynthia, and that preposterous duck, in order to take over completely. Such undemocratic behaviour must be dealt with severely — impose a bubble quota!

Karl Reinders
London W6

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